# YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING May 28th, 2024

The meeting convened at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were Chairman Les Riel, Commissioner Ben St. Mary, Fire Chief Dale Hille, Deputy Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, District Secretary Katelynn Roberts and Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost. Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt had an excused absence.

Chairman Riel called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Riel lead in the pledge of allegiance.

**LIMITED OPEN PUBLIC INPUT** for items NOT on the Agenda – Public comment for items that are on the agenda are allowed as the item comes up for discussion during the meeting.

Chairman Riel noted there was no public input at this time.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Riel made a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Fund Balances as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 BOC Meeting Minutes

## **CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL**

Claims Requests FIRE \$ 16,498.65 Claims Requests EMS \$ 248.06 Total Claims \$ 16,746.71

#### CORRESPONDANCE

Yakima Nation Legends Casino

FC Hille informed everyone that he had contacted Yakima Nation Legends Casino about a grant they were offering and that our department did not receive that grant. YNLC informed FC Hille that they did not receive as much money as they have in previous years to distribute.

## CHIEF'S REPORT - Attached

Executive Session - RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.

Chairman Riel informed everyone that they will be entering an executive session with himself, Commissioner St. Mary and FC Hille. Chairman Riel asked for a 15-minute session and started at 3:32 pm. At 3:47 pm Chairman Riel informed everyone that they did not need an extension and the regular board meeting resumed at 3:47 pm.

Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Levy Lid Lift

FC Hille informed the board that the signs and banners have been received and are ready to be distributed. FC Hille also informed everyone that the volunteers will be taking personal time to put the signs and banners out.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

New Patch Rebranding

FC Hille brought to the board the idea of redoing the department patch on the Class A and Class B uniforms for our line staff so they match our new department logo. The board agreed to let FC Hille move forward with the task.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Chairman Riel informed everyone that there is no new business to report on the commissioner side.

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

FC Hille and DC Lamoureux informed the board that they had a good experience at the Chief's Conference in Kennewick this last weekend. FC Hille also informed the board that our department attorney Brian Snure has introduced more new policies. FC Hille also informed everyone that the WSRC bidding pool is coming soon for the small works roster. Chairman Riel, Commissioner St. Mary, FC Hille, DC Lamoureux and DS Roberts will be attending the WFCA Conference in Chelan, WA May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Brandt will try to zoom in during the department planning meeting held at Chelan Fire Department on Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>. The department had a fire on Riverside Road next to Fiscus Motor Freight and called multiple agencies out for help. FC Hille was informed that the Red Cross will not be providing meals for bigger fires. The fire must be 6 or more hours and must have more volunteer personnel than career responding. FC Hille informed everyone that we will factor this into the budget for 2025.

## SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to more than one Commissioner attending the meeting in person, documents will be held for signatures after the meeting.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** – Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 3:30 pm.

NEXT SPECIAL MEETING - Friday, May 31st, 2024 at 8:30 am in Chelan, WA.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business Chairman Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 pm. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.

Chairman Les Riel

Commissioner Ben St. Mary

Attest:

Excused Absence

Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt

District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts