

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
December 13th, 2021**

The meeting convened at 4:00 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present via Zoom were Lieutenant Charles Erickson and; at Station 40 were, Chairman David Ramynke, Commissioner Les Riel, Commissioner Ben St. Mary, Fire Chief Dale Hille and District Secretary Katelynn Hogan.

Chairman Ramynke called the meeting to order at 1600.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Ramynke noted that the Pledge of Allegiance was done prior in the Special Meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Riel seconded. Motion Carried unanimously.

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 Ramynke opened up discussion for public attending the meeting. Chairman Ramynke noted that LT Erickson were attending via zoom who had no public input at that time.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- December 07, 2021 Payroll

b. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- November 22nd, 2021 BOC Special Meeting Minutes
- November 22nd, 2021 BVFF Meeting Minutes

c. **CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL**

Claims Requests Fire	\$ 48,711.97
Claims Requests EMS	\$ <u>3,652.71</u>
Total Claims	\$ 52,364.68

d. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Validation of 2022 voters population required for bond or levy passage in 2022 from Yakima County Auditory; Elections Division
- Preliminary 2022 Property Tax Levy Amounts from Yakima County Commissioners Budget Director Forrest Smith
- L&I overall average rate increase of 3.1% to workers compensation insurance premium notice
- Chmelik Sitkin & Davis firm discounted capped rate increase notice
- WSCFF Life & Disability Plans – Group Participation Agreement
- PFML Rate increase to 0.6% Notice
- WA Cares Fund Notice
- Official Statement of Canvass from Yakima County Elections Division
- Notice of Policy Conditional Renewal - VFIS

e. **CHIEF'S REPORT** – Attached

Commissioner Riel made a motion to a approve the consent agenda as submitted items a-e. Commissioner St. Mary seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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.

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Chairman Ramynke announced at 4:01 the board, FC Hille and DS would go into Executive Session until 4:22 and will let anyone else know if they need more time. At 4:22 Chairman Ramynke extended the Executive Session to 4:30. Chairman Ramynke reconvened the Regular Meeting at 4:30.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Amended YCFD5 Dispatch Contract - resigned

FC Hille informed the board that the YCFD5 Dispatch Contract had been updated with a few things the Nile FD & Naches Heights wanted to be included and just needs to be resigned.

- Final Collective Bargaining Agreement Effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025

FC Hille informed the board that the CBA is signed by the union and is up for their approval and signatures. Chairman Ramynke made a motion to approve the New Collective Bargaining Agreement between District 5 and Local 469 effective January 1st, 2022 through December 31, 2025 as submitted. Commissioner Riel seconded. Motion Carried unanimously.

FC Hille made a recommendation to hire Fletcher Larson with a start date of January 5th, 2022 and Collyn Stafford with a start date of January 4th 2022. Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire of Fletcher Larson & Collyn Stafford with the start date of January 4th and January 5th. Commissioner Riel seconded. Motion Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Firefighter Garrett Riley Letter of Resignation

FC Hille informed the board that there will be an exit interview for him before he leaves. FF Garrett Riley has asked to have his helmet and has offered to buy it from us. FC Hille would like to make a motion to dispose of the helmet for the least cost to the district and then surplus it. Commissioner Riel made a motion to accept FF Riley's resignation and also to surplus his helmet. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion Carried unanimously.

- Station Dedication Plaques

FC Hille stated the research process for station dedication plaques if done with union gap. FC Hille stated he needs help from the board to figure out what names, pictures etc. need to be included. FC Hille stated the cost will probably range from \$1,500 – \$2,000 a piece once they are complete. Commissioner Riel stated the three board commissioners, Fire Chief, Thomas Cole Pepper was the builder for Station 40 and Station 42 was scout Lake Construction will need to be included. Commissioner Riel informed he would help FC Hille any way he could.

- Contract for Reimbursement of Training Expenses – Hiring Document

FC Hille stated that he doesn't find this form completely necessary. Chairman Ramynke stated the district implemented this form because the district pays a stipend after earning certifications and that was the main reason behind it. Commissioner Riel stated he thinks this is an issue for the HR Committee. The Board and FC Hille agreed this will go to the HR Committee.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Riel stated the 2021 annual WFAA conference accrual revenue was \$14,687.43 and total budgeted expenses was 110,970.40 making a total profit of \$37,717.03. Commissioner Riel is meeting the education committee for Chelan topics on Tuesday December

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14th, via Zoom at 6:00 pm. The Chelan Conference rooms that are booked are 8 blocks down the street but its common for districts to book 8-10 rooms at a time and cancel a month before the conference so there is hope our board will get rooms at Campbells Resort for the conference instead of being so far away.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FC Hille stated Volterra Agreement is in the hands of the attorney to go to county to be reviewed. Then that agreement will be signed with the county.

FC Hille confirmed the two Brush Trucks will be finished today with the installation of the front mount nozzles. B-40 & B-42 will be the two apparatus that will receive this nozzle along with the removal of the cages.

FC Hille stated the district has an exit interview with the State Auditor on December 22nd, 2021 at 10:00 am. Commissioner Ramynke asked DS Hogan to make a special meeting for the Exit interview so all commissioners can attend. FC Hille informed that the suggested corrections for the financial audit have been corrected by AD Huitt but we are waiting to hear on the Procurement Audit conclusion.

FC Hille informed the board that three volunteers passed their Firefighter one practical and two out of three passed the written. On December 16th they're doing Firefighter two and four FF passed their instructor one test this past week.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chairman Ramynke asked the rest of the board if they were going to shuffle seat positions due to end of the two-year term approaching. Commissioner Riel stated that would be on the first of the years board meeting agenda. Commissioner Riel stated we would first elect a chairman and then elect a Vice. Chairman Ramynke stated they would talk about it at the First of the year meeting.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to all the Commissioners attending in person the documents will be held for signature after the meeting adjourns.

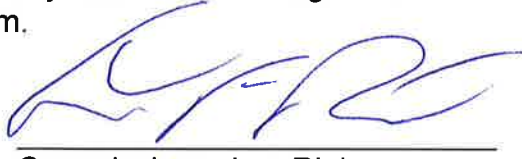
NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, December 27th, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ramynke made a motion to adjourn. There being no other business Chairman Ramynke adjourned the meeting at 4:52 pm.

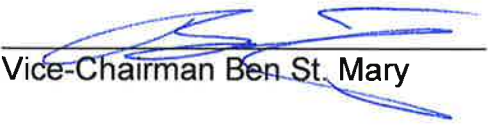


Chairman David Ramynke

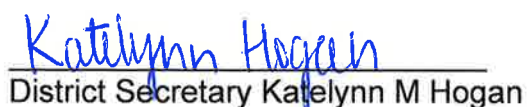


Commissioner Les Riel

Attest:



Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary



District Secretary Katelynn M Hogan