

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
November 22, 2010**

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present were Commissioners Joe Gendron, Dan McNulty, and Les Riel. Others present were Chief George Spencer, and audience members. District Secretary Rosen and Deputy Chief Riel had approved absences.

Chairman Gendron called the meeting to order and conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There being no changes, the agenda was approved and the meeting continued.

LIMITED OPEN PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA – Public comment for items that are on the agenda are allowed as the item comes up for discussion during the meeting. Please stand and be recognized by the Chair and limit your comments to three minutes.

Chairman Gendron noted that no one had signed up to speak.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. November 8, 2010 Regular Meeting – approve or deny

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8 Regular Meeting. Commissioner McNulty seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor and the minutes were approved.

EDIT LIST APPROVAL

a. Batch #290988, \$13,839.76 – approve or deny

Commissioner McNulty made a motion to approve edit list #290988 in the amount of \$13,839.76. Commissioner Riel seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor, thus approving the aforementioned edit list.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chairman Gendron noted that District Secretary Rosen had an approved absence from the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

There being no correspondence, Chairman Gendron continued the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Discussion of new rescue specs – Chief Spencer

Chief Spencer reported that the proposed specs on the new rescue apparatus would be presented to the specification committee and the Board for input and/or comment and if no changes were proposed, the bid advertisement would be published no later than the beginning of the following week. Chief Spencer noted that the trips had been eliminated, vehicle layout was very specific, and strong language for bidders who make exceptions was added. Commissioner Riel recommended holding a pre-bid conference to address any questions that bidders may have. The Board was in agreement regarding holding a pre-bid conference.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no new business, Chairman Gendron continued the meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Chairman Gendron reported that the commissioner's meeting was held last week at which Representative Chander was in attendance to discuss no-man's land issues. Commissioner Riel added that proposed changes include giving fire districts the authority to enter a property to extinguish a fire that could spread to other locations and recover costs from the property owner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There being no announcements, Chairman Gendron continued the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RCW 42.30.140(4) & RCW 42.30.140(g)

a. Contract negotiations

b. Personnel matters of the District

At 7:07 p.m. Chairman Gendron dismissed the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.140(4) and RCW 42.30.140(g) for 20 minutes.

At 7:27 p.m., Chief Spencer announced that the executive session would be extended for an additional 20 minutes.

At 7:47 p.m., Chairman Gendron reconvened the meeting and reported that no decisions had been made.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT – Chief Spencer

Chief Spencer reported that DC Riel was currently gathering quotes for an alarm system at Station 43. Chief Spencer also reported that 1100 feet of 5 inch diameter hose had been ordered. He added that they were currently working with Mercedes to resolve a problem with the internal and external liner separating during recent testing on the hose that was purchased last year.

GENERAL DISCUSSION – Limited between Board and Staff – NO PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Gendron noted that Lieutenant Bartlett had proposed a volunteer recruit drive by creating a presence in local neighborhoods with an engine and crew to hand out flyers.

Chief Spencer noted that three individuals would be starting the EMT class in January; an additional EMT course would begin in March; red card training would be held in February; and a DNR 215 course would be hosted by the district.

Commissioner Riel questioned if Chief Spencer had met with Gordon McIlvanie regarding the insurance. Commissioner Riel indicated that he would contact him via email within the next few days.

Chief Spencer reported net cash balances and investments for month ending October 2010 for the following funds: Fire = \$1,737,734.58; EMS = \$126,779.79; Reserves = \$762,904.69; and Capital Projects = \$557,318.74.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

The documents were presented to the Board for their signature.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Commissioner Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McNulty seconded the motion and the meeting was so adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chair of the Board

District Secretary

Vice-Chair of the Board

Commissioner