

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
June 28, 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, District Secretary Michelle Rosen, and audience members.

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. June 14, 2010 Regular Meeting – approve or deny

Commissioner Riel made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2010 Regular Meeting. Commissioner McNulty seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor and the minutes were approved.

EDIT LIST APPROVAL

a. Batch #285244, \$3,589.81 – approve or deny

b. Cash Voucher \$115.38 – approve or deny (services from 4/28/10 to 5/24/10)

c. Cash Voucher \$113.77 – approve or deny (services from 5/25/10 to 6/22/10)

Commissioner McNulty made a motion to approve edit list #285244 in the amount of \$3,589.81 and the cash vouchers in the amounts of \$115.38 and \$113.77. Commissioner Riel seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor, thus approving the aforementioned edit list and cash vouchers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

District Secretary Rosen reported on net cash balances and investments for month ending May 2010 for the following funds: Fire = \$1,790,720.68; EMS = \$131,281.56; Reserves = \$857,590.21 and Capital Projects = \$439,371.93.

Commissioner Riel asked if the monies for the truck had been deducted as of yet. District Secretary Rosen responded that only the deposit had been deducted.

Chairman Gendron questioned Chief Spencer if the budget was on track. The Chief indicated that approximately 38% of the budget had been expended, coming in at 10-12% under budget. District Secretary Rosen added that the reports generated from Quickbooks reflected the budget at 34.9%. Commissioner Riel requested copies of the budget reports and added that the earmarked funds for apparatus replacement and capital projects should bring the budget to an approximate 50% range.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Riel noted an article in the Yakima Valley Business Times regarding the Sunnyside City Council approving a pay increase for their firefighters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Firefighter Ryan Evers presented the final drawings of the rescue apparatus to the Board. He noted that he had recently met with apparatus committee members, Chief Spencer, and Mr. Merritt and that he should have line item specs available to forward to the Board by Wednesday. Commissioner Riel complimented Ryan on a job well done on the project.

Commissioner Riel questioned if the committee had considered any bid alternates and/or deductions. Firefighter Evers noted that there were some items that the committee was agreeable to withdraw from the specs. Commissioner Riel questioned if a pricing range was available for the apparatus as submitted. Firefighter Evers responded that it was estimated at \$200,000 including tax.

After additional discussion, Commissioner Riel made a motion to move forward with the plan as submitted for the new rescue apparatus to go out to bid. Commissioner McNulty seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion and extended their appreciation to Firefighter Evers.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Gendron requested more time for the Board to review the staffing model information submitted by Chief Spencer.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Riel noted that he would distribute the educational topics for the conference at the next meeting.

Commissioner Riel reported that he had attended the no-man's land meeting at which, it was determined that potential legislation could make the issues associated with no-man's land more tolerable. Chief Spencer added that a BLM task force for the Yakima/Benton area was created and that there was discussion as to how it could contribute to a statewide solution. Commissioner Riel added that there was also discussion regarding arriving on scene quicker and launching immediate attacks on the fire before it escalated to a state mobilization situation. Chief Spencer concluded that the State Senator and Representatives seemed to have examined the fire service side of the issue and now wanted to initiate discussions with the property owners and then work on drafting sustainable legislation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There being no announcements, Chairman Gendron continued the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RCW 42.30.110(g) & 42.30.140(4)

Personnel Matters of the District

Labor Negotiations

At 7:22 p.m. Chairman Gendron dismissed the Board into executive session per RCW 42.30.110(g) and 42.30.140(4) for 30 minutes.

At 7:52 p.m., District Secretary Rosen announced the executive session would continue for an additional 15 minutes.

At 8:07 p.m., Chairman Gendron reconvened the meeting and reported that no decisions had been made.

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

Chairman Gendron requested that Chief Spencer report on his itinerary for July. Chief Spencer reported that he would be leaving on Friday, July 9 and would be returning late evening on Friday, July 23. In his absence, Deputy Chief Riel would be in charge upon his return from vacation on July 12. Captain Layman would be taking day duty on July 9 and the duty officer would be in charge on July 10 and 11.

Commissioner Riel requested that the Board convene a special meeting on July 12 at 6:00 p.m. in order to discuss the Chief's evaluation. Prior to his departure, Commissioner Riel requested that Chief Spencer submit his self-evaluation to the Board. The Board was in agreement.

Chief Spencer commended the staff for a successful technical rescue on June 21.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

The documents were presented to the Board for their signature.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Commissioner McNulty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Riel seconded the motion and the meeting was so adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

Chair of the Board

District Secretary

Vice-Chair of the Board

Commissioner