

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10TH, 2026**

The meeting will be held at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary, Commissioner Les Riel, Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, District Secretary Kaydee Roberts, Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost, Lieutenant Travis Young, and Firefighters Jon Morrison and Alex Juarez. Chairman Brandt had an excused absence.

Vice-Chairman St. Mary called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman St. Mary 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- August 07, 2026 Payroll
- July 31st, 2026 2nd Quarterly Taxes

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- July 13th, 2026 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes
- July 27th, 2026 BVFF Meeting Minutes – Donald Blackburn
- July 27th, 2026 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests Fire	\$ 50,115.28
Claims Requests EMS	\$ <u>10,448.09</u>
Total Claims	\$ 60,563.37

CORRESPONDANCE

- August 20th, 2026 Yakima County Fire Commissioners Meeting Agenda – Attendance?
- August 20th, 2026 Yakima County Fire Commissioner Meeting Flyer
- May 21st, 2026 Yakima County Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

CHIEF'S REPORT – Attached

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of Deputy Chief Contract

Commissioner Riel made a motion to accept the new Deputy Chief Contract. Vice-Chairman St. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

- Policy 01.03.01 – Adopted Response Times – Emergency Response Zones

This policy will be complementary to the maps of the updated response zones. Darkhorse Emergency Reporting will be able to tell the department if the updated response zones meet the 90th percentile. Fire personnel will now be able to put apparatus enroute and on scene themselves without having to wait for dispatch. This in turn will provide more accurate response times for each apparatus. Commissioner Riel made a motion to adopt policy 01.03.01. Vice-Chairman St. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Storage Building Finance

FC Lamoureux informed the board that the finance program will be awarded February 27th, 2027 meaning the department will need all documentation in by November 3rd, 2026. FC Lamoureux will also speak with the City of Moxee about where they are at with purchasing Station 41 in Moxee. This in turn will cover about 1/3 of the cost of the storage building. The board and FC Lamoureux now need to figure out when to award the contract for the work itself. FC Lamoureux also wants to talk to the district's attorney Brian Snure about how it would work if the department wanted to install the bathrooms, wet and dry classrooms, etc.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

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Commissioner Riel informed everyone that he had a WFCA meeting in Olympia where the increase in healthcare prices were discussed. In 2027 healthcare will increase by 18.5%, vision will increase by 15.1% and dental by 10%.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

FC Lamoureux informed the board that he received the legal description of the county roads for the no mans land annexation, and that the boundary review board was a formality.

The Red Sky fire was reported at 4,000 acres with most of the fire being on the lower valley side. The crew on shift in Union Gap did end up evacuating Leisure Hill. FC Lamoureux will speak to City of Union Gap Manager Greg Cobb about contracting Duke's to re-do the fire line on the Ahtanum ridge.

FC Lamoureux informed everyone that the Terrace Heights annexation more than likely will not go through. NC Machinery will not sign the petition, Del Monte has made the decision to sign, and we are still waiting on a decision from Blinsky Trucking. FC Lamoureux sent a letter to the HAPO Credit Union headquarters and also recalculated the assessed value of Pacific Northwest University, and they are 40% of the AV.

The department was awarded the FIIRE grant (\$24,000) for a cancer prevention program. The department will purchase 32 hoods, 32 helmet inserts, 3 sets of PPE and 32 helmet shields.

FC Lamoureux informed everyone that the department is up 4.1% in call volume for 2026 and with Union Gap the department is up 80%.

The department will be reimbursed for the personnel and apparatus sent to the Red Sky fire.

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, August 24th, 2026 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Vice-Chairman St. Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 pm. Meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm.

Excused Absence

Chairman Tyler Brandt

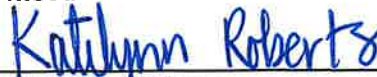


Commissioner Les Riel



Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary

Attest:



District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts