WKRFA West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority
Regular Meeting

119 NE Church Street White Salmon WA 98672.

Thursday September 17, 2026. 6:30pm.

- **The meeting was called to order by Chair Thomas Montag at 18:30.**
- **Flag Salute.**
- **Attendance:**
  WKRFA Governing Board: Quorum: Thomas Montag, David Lindley, Ben Giant (via zoom), Morella Mora, Charles Virts.
  Absent: Robert Connor
  Advisory groups/staff: Chief Long, Jennifer McLean, Eric Bosler, Rozalind Plumb, Captain Crumpacker
  Public: none

- **Agenda:**
  "Move to approve the agenda for 9/17/26 as presented." Made by Charles Virts, second by David Lindley (4 in favor, 0 opposed) motion passed.

- **Minutes of the last Meeting.**
  "Move to approve the minutes for August 20, 2026." made by Morella Mora, second by Charles Virts, (4 in favor, 0 opposed) motion passed.
  "Move to approve the September 12 Strategic Planning minutes." made by David Lindley, second by Morella Mora, (4 in favor, 0 opposed) motion passed.

- **Public Comments:** None noted.

- **Administrative Secretary's report** (see attached)
  1. Errors in the transfers last month have been corrected by the County Treasurer.
  2. Approval of the scripts and ACH payments.

  "Move to approve the following scripts for general expenses $991.46 dated 8/31/26, $11,667.29 dated 9/08/2026, and ACH payments all dated 8/7/2026 $35,844.36, $10,987.28 and $8,438.68" Made by Charles Virts, second by David Lindley, (4 yay, 0 opposed) motion passed.

  State Audit for Klickitat County Fire District 3 is in process for years 2023, 2024 and 2025. Risk assessment and entry meetings have been conducted, and staff are supplying all requested documents. Estimated cost is around $8,000, which will be a legacy cost for KCFD3 under the RFA. The first RFA Audit will be in 2027 to look at years 2024, 2025, and 2026.

- **Fire Chief's Report** –See attached report by Chief Long.
  Approximately 40 calls per month on average. The collective bargaining process has begun with the union. There are several new members on boarding to respond to calls.

- **Training Report:** See attached report by Captain Crumpacker.

- **Volunteer Representative Report.**
  1. Updating some exercise equipment.
  2. Working on Community Outreach.

- **Information Only Items.**
- **Unfinished Business.**
- **Discussion Items/Action Items**
  1. **Resolutions**
     - **Surplus Ambulance** - Discussion on the decision to surplus the ambulance and the levels of service policy currently in place. The policy mentions transport capability. Removing the ambulance from service would remove the ability to transport. Board authorized revising the policy. This would need to be completed before the ambulance is removed from service.

"Motion to approve Resolution 2026-*2 declaring Certain property surplus to the needs of the WKRFA. - 2016 Ford F350 Ambulance." Made by Thomas Montag, second by David Lindley, (4 yay, 0 opposed) motion passed.*

- Discussion on how to sell the ambulance, Chief will review estimates for its market value. Effort will be made to recover as close to the value as possible.

Motion to get as close to market value as possible made by Charles Virts. Second by David Lindley. (4 yay, 0 opposed) motion passed.

  2. **Policies.** – None
  3. **Agreements.** – None
  4. **Other Discussion Items-**

A. IAFF Local 5172-Collective Bargaining.
Negotiation meetings have started.

B. Strategic Planning.
- The Saturday workshop meeting was helpful for planning capital replacement. The board discussed the fleet along with facilities, equipment, and staffing needs to meet the goals for serving the community in the future.
- Fleet replacement – Chief provided a spreadsheet that outlines the order of vehicle replacement.
  - **Replace 1 Type-1 Engine 30-01.** This vehicle is stationed at White Salmon and Chief noted White Salmon Fire transferred Capital Funds to the RFA that were specifically for replacement of an engine in White Salmon.

"Move to authorize the Chief to start the procurement process to replace Engine 30-01" made by David Lindley, second by Morella Mora. (4 yay, 0 opposed) Motion passed.

Discussion on the levy rate on the spreadsheet provided by Chief. The rate is an estimate, and only part of the picture. The finance spreadsheets presented by Ben Giant at the Workshop on Saturday are another tool that can be updated as new information is available, to help guide the board in the future.

Discussion on ensuring community awareness of potential increases in the levy rate. Discussion on the potential impact on the community.

- **Utility 30 retrofit project**

"Motion to authorize the Chief to move forward with the utility 30 conversion," made by David Lindley, second by Morella Mora, (4 yay, 0 opposed) Motion passed.

Chief noted he will aim to keep costs at the estimates provided in the spreadsheet (Engine -$577,500 and U30 conversion $11,402) and will come to the board if costs run over.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (as needed per RCW 42.30.110). – None needed.
- **Action items** – covered above.
- **Good of the order.** None
- **Next Meeting**:
  Regular Board meeting Thursday October 15th 18:30. Location: Station 30, 119 NE Church Street White Salmon.

- ***"Motion to adjourn," made by David Lindley, seconded by Charles Virts*** *(4 in favor 0 opposed). Motion passed.*
  Meeting adjourned 19:05.

APPROVED:

Thomas Montag 10/15/26
WKRFA Chair -Thomas Montag (date)

Attest:

Administrative Manager - Rozalind Plumb