

Klickitat County Fire District 3 Commissioners Meeting
119 NE Church Street
June 28, 2023, at 1700 (5 pm)

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee

I. Call to order. 1700 (5pm)

City of White Salmon and KCFD3 called their meetings to order.

Attendance: Commissioner Montag (Chair), Commissioner Connor (Vice Chair), Commissioner Virts – (Quorum)

City Council Members: Jason Hartman, Ben Giant, Jim Ransier – (Quorum).

Staff/volunteers: Chief Hunsaker (WSFD), Troy Rosenburg (City Manager), Bob Merritt (mHc Associates), Chief Long (KCFD3), Jennifer McLean (Admin. Assistant), Stephanie Porter (WS Clerk Treasurer), David Shultz (Legal Counsel)

- Approval of the Agenda
“Motion to approve the agenda for June 28, 2023, as presented” -made by Commissioner Connor, seconded by Commissioner Virts. (3 yay, 0 nay) motion passed.
- *Commissioner Montag shared his thoughts about the process of forming the RFA Plan.*

II. Business Items

1. West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority Final DRAFT Plan – Planning Committee
The committee discussed and agreed that the focus of the meeting would be on two topics: The RFA levy rate, and the structure of the Governance Board.

■ **Beginning WKRFA levy rate language**

The committee agreed that section 6 of the Plan, paragraph B.1.a’s first sentence should be revised to read that the maximum levy rate will not exceed \$1.00 per thousand without a vote of the people.

The committee discussed the positive and negative effects of a potential lower cap vs. a higher cap and agreed the levy rate will be \$0.76 per \$1,000, 10% will be set aside for unfunded liabilities, and the rate capped at \$1.00--only raised with a vote of the people.

Unanimous agreement by the planning Committee.

■ **Governance Board**

The committee extensively discussed the different ideas of how to form the governance board. The committee deliberated over a three-fire commissioner/two city council member board, vs. a three-fire commissioner board/three city council member board. The mention of equal representation from the city council being the focus of the council members serving on the planning committee. It was agreed that it will be three commissioners, and three city council members. ***Unanimous agreement by the planning Committee.***

III. **Public Comments:**

Carl Swanson shared (via zoom) his thoughts on the development of the RFA.

IV. **Next WKRFA Committee Meeting: July 10, 2023, at 5 pm**

"Motion to adjourn," made by Commissioner Virts, seconded by Commissioner Connor. (3 yay, 0 nay) motion passed.

V. **Adjournment: 7:20 pm**

APPROVED BY:


Attest:

Chairman – Commissioner Thomas Montag (date)

Absent _____
District Secretary Rozalind Plumb



Commissioner Robert Connor (date) 8/10/23



Commissioner Charles Virts (date) 10 Aug 2023