

**Klickitat County Fire District 3  
200 Husum Street Husum, WA 98623  
Commissioner's Regular Meeting  
October 12, 2023, at 15:00 (3 pm)**

This meeting was available using remote online video and telephone technology. The district posted notice of how to access the meeting (Website).

**Call to order:** 15:05

**Attendance**

Commissioner Montag (Chair), Commissioner Connor (Vice Chair), Commissioner Virts – (Quorum), Staff/Volunteers: Rozalind Plumb (District Secretary), Jennifer McLean (Admin. Assistant), Eric Bosler (Fire Prevention/BVFF)

Via Zoom: Lloyd and Debbie Olson (Citizens Task Force)

**Approval of agenda**

*Motion to approve the agenda for October 12, 2023 -made by Commissioner Connor, seconded by Commissioner Virts. (3 yay, 0 nay) motion passed.*

**Minutes of the last meeting:**

- September 14th– Regular Business Meeting (3pm)  
*"I make a motion to approve the September 14th regular board meeting minutes." made by Commissioner Connor, seconded by Commissioner Virts. (3 yay, 0 nay) motion passed.*

**Secretary / Finance Report** See attached.

Discussion on year end projection and overages in line items.

**Approval of the scripts:**

*"Move to approve payments of the general expense fund 1) for \$7,098.28, 2) \$1,530.50, 3) \$427.76, 4) \$3,318.09, 5) \$3,781.64." made by Commissioner Virts, seconded by Commissioner Connor (3 yay, 0 nay) motion passed.*

No Capital Expenditures.

The State Auditor will be reviewing the district the week of October 30. Commissioner Connor will represent the board for the exit/risk assessment interview.

**Chief's / Training Report** See attached.

Chief Long made special mention of all the work Ron Reynolds has done this summer season. Fire Prevention week – fire apparatus and volunteers went to Whitson Elementary and a day care.

**On Going Business**

1. **Personnel:**
  - a. 2024 Contracts will be due in December.
2. **Policies:** none

### 3. BOND

- CAPITAL PROJECTS

Remaining funds \$37,547.5

- **Station 31**

- a) ADA Walkway- will be resubmitted.
- b) Kitchen – Ovens to be installed – waiting for propane conversion kits.
- c) Fence- on hold
- d) Radios- base station

- **Station 32**

- a) Oven- needs to be installed.
- b) Fence- request bids
- c) Radio – Base station

4. **Engine Replacement-** Chassi has not been delivered yet.

5. **West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority**

- a. Bob Merrit - Ballots are due in mid-October. The fact sheet post cards will be mailed next week. There were approximately 4,860 registered voters in the proposed RFA area. There were three public information meetings held in White Salmon, Husum, and Snowden.
- b. Consultant fees/shared costs. – discussion on the fees to date.
  - The original estimate for beginning the process of looking at shared resources and coordinating a task force to produce a report was estimated at \$15,000.
  - The cost was to be shared with White Salmon 50:50. (Authorized by Joint activity Interlocal Agreement)
  - KCFD3 commissioners made a motion not to exceed the \$7,500.
  - The Task force took a little longer to finalize a report and the final cost was \$18,000.
  - The task force presented the report to the City Council and KCFD3 and both entities agreed to continue investigating the proposal for an RFA.
  - The RFA Planning Committee was initiated.
  - Neither entity recognized the need to address the cost of moving forward with the project.
  - There will also be costs for the mailers, stamps, and the election.

Discussion to continue paying the consultant and to recoup the 50% from White Salmon [per the Inter local agreement].

***Motion to continue paying MHC beyond the original estimate. Made by Commissioner Virts, seconded by Commissioner Connor (3 yay, 0 nay) motion passed.***

- **New Business:**

- Petition to Annex – 2 petitions (Rattlesnake Road) presented to the board. Public hearing scheduled for next month.
- WFCA health benefits renewal – Discussion on the options offered to employees. Motion to maintain the same options for 2024. All the premiums will increase by 6% and dental will increase 2% in 2024.

***Move to approve the coverage already established for the health benefits. Made by Commissioner Virts, seconded by commissioner Connor. Motion passed.***

- **Public Discussion:** Lloyd and Debbie Olson volunteered to help with the mailers.
- **Good of the order.** Commissioner Connor shared information on the importance of not burning wood in a wood stove with over 20% moisture content to reduce the risk of chimney fires.
- **Next meeting:**
  1. 2024 Budget Hearing Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm
  2. Annexation Hearing Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm
  3. Regular meeting: Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm (after the public hearing for annexation).

***“Motion to adjourn” -made by Commissioner Virts, seconded by Commissioner Connor. (3 yay, 0 nay) motion passed.***

- **Adjourned: 15:43 (3:43 pm)**

**APPROVED BY:**

**Attest:**

Thomas Montag 11/9/23  
Chairman – Commissioner Thomas Montag (date)

Rozalind Plumb  
District Secretary Rozalind Plumb

Robert Connor 11/9/23  
Commissioner Robert Connor (date)

Charles Virts 9 Nov 2023  
Commissioner Charles Virts (date)