

Klickitat County Fire District 3

200 Husum Street Husum, WA 98623

Commissioner's Regular Meeting

August 8, 2024, 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: 15:10

Attendance: Quorum.

Commissioner Connor (Vice Chair), Commissioner Virts, Commissioner Montag (Chair) by zoom).

Staff/Volunteers: Wes Long (Fire Chief) Via Zoom), Rozalind Plumb (District Secretary).

Approval of agenda.

"Move to approve the agenda as presented." Made by Commissioner Virts, seconded by Commissioner Montag. (3 yay, 0 nay) motion passed.

Minutes of the last meeting:

- July 11th, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

"Move to approve the minutes of July 11th Regular Meeting minutes". Made by Commissioner Virts, seconded by Commissioner Montag. (3 yay, 0 nay) motion passed.

Finance Report See attached.

General Expenditure Scripts

Date	Amount
7/10/24	6,594.67
7/18/24	2,881.06
7/19/24	31,194.08
7/25/24	531.13

"Move to pay the general expense fund items dated 10 July \$6,594.67, second item dated 18th July \$2,881.06, third item dated July 19th, 2024, the amount of \$31,194.08, final item dated 25th July 2024 in the amount of \$531.13. I move that we approve and pay those bills." Made by Commissioner Virts, seconded by Commissioner Montag. (3 yay, 0 nay) motion passed.

Insurance: The invoice for Insurance is \$53,847, which is over the estimated budget.

Budgeted \$47,219. Used \$506 to cover the new Engine, remaining \$46,687. Difference of \$7,160.

"Motion that we approve the invoice for Enduris in the amount of \$53,847" made by Commissioner Virts, Seconded by Commissioner Montag, (3 yay, 0 nay). Motion passed.

Chief noted we will have increased insurance costs with the RFA.

Chief's / Training Report See attached.

Busy time for wildfires from the lightning and mutual aid to Bickleton.

Fleet has a few issues. Maintenance and repair for vehicles is already over budget. Commissioner Virts inquired about the command vehicle 300. It is getting old, getting heavy use and needs repairs. Chief Long said it is on a replacement schedule but is hoping to get over 120,000 miles out of it. It is currently 70,000 miles.

A shaded fuel project to build a fire break around White Salmon is on hold but will start as soon as the IFPL restrictions are lifted.

12th of August Chief will be in Bickleton for an after-action review of the Bighorn Fire.

We have new recruits and need to order more pagers and turnouts. Communications line item is already over budget.

Chief is currently in Dayton on a fire but has also been helping Trout Lake fire Chief with the Williams Mine Fire north of Trout Lake.

On Going Business

1. **Personnel:** none
2. **Policies:** Policy reviews are underway for the RFA.
3. **Capital Projects**
 - **Station 31**
 - a) **ADA Walkway** – Waiting for another quote.
 - b) **Fence** – Complete.
 - c) **Emergency Power** – Electrician will give a quote to tie the kitchen, the heat in the gym and the hvac in the west end of the building into the backup generator.
 - **Station 32**
 - a) **Fence** – complete.
4. **New Engine Replacement:**

New engine is currently at station 31 waiting for radios and equipment to be installed.
5. **Reserve Engine**

The Chief has inspected the proposed replacement engine. It should be arriving next week. There will be some work needed to service it.
Chief will list the current E31 for sale.
6. **West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority**

Legal counsel has been engaged for resolutions. One item that has come to the front is the continuing costs for KCFD3 and how they will be funded.
KCFD3 expenses will include election of Commissioners, Liability insurance for the commissioners, stipends, bond fund expenses, and legal counsel required to manage the bond.
Legal counsel stated the WKRFA can approve a resolution to amend the RFA Plan to account for KCFD3 costs into the future. This situation is usually included in the Plan, for some reason it was not in the WKRFA plan. Discussion on the need for a budget line for KCFD3.

The first few meetings will be busy covering all the policies that need to be in place before January 1.

Discussion on when the KCFD3 board will meet once the RFA is in effect. Option to meet an hour before the WKRFA Board meeting.

Next WKRFA Planning Committee meeting is August 15th.

- **New Business:** None
- **Public Discussion:** None.
- **Good of the order:** There will be a new County Commissioner.

- **Next meeting:**
 - a) **WKRFA Planning Committee will be Thursday August 15, at 18:30 in White Salmon.**
 - b) Regular meeting: Thursday September 12th 3:00 pm.
 - c) WKRFA Planning Committee will be Thursday September 19, at 18:30 in White Salmon.
 - d) Inaugural WKRFA Meeting September 30th, 2024. 18:30 in White Salmon.

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

- **Adjourned: 15:51 (3:51 pm)**

APPROVED BY:

Attest:

Thomas Montag 9/12/24
Chairman – Commissioner Thomas Montag (date)

Rozalind Plumb
District Secretary Rozalind Plumb

Robert Connor 9/12/24
Commissioner Robert Connor (date)

Absent 9/12/24
Commissioner Charles Virts (date)