



# FIRE DISTRICT 6

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September 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Commissioner's present: Justin Stennick  
Mark Watenpaugh  
Mike Kayser

Others present: Chief Bill LeMonds  
Secretary Abbey LaBerge  
Assistant Chief Andy Ogden

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Regular Board Meeting called to order by Commissioner Stennick @ 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment: Phylis Ogden wanted to inform the Board about her concerns regarding the meeting minutes posted on the website and that Asst. Chief Ogden's "About Us" section needs to be update.

Consent Agenda: **Commissioner Kayser made the motion to approve the following items as presented on the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Watenpaugh. Motion carried.**

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Payment of Payroll and Vouchers:
  - i. Payroll - \$57,028.49
  - ii. Vouchers - \$87,123.44
  - iii. Total - \$144,151.93

Chief Report:

- Chief LeMonds attended an online earthquake training.
- The Chief's attended a meeting with Cowlitz County officials regarding the landfill fires that have been happening.
- 911 Board meeting update.
- Chief LeMonds and FF/EMT Brandon Poff attended a demo presentation on the new narcotic safes the District is looking into.
- Members of the District participated in "Stop the Bleed" training with members of the School District.
- Monthly school safety meeting update.
- County Chief and EMS Council meeting update.
- Chief LeMonds attended the Mechanics Conference last week.
- The Risk Management group is looking into new insurance options.
- Chief LeMonds attended the State Chief's Board Meeting.
- The District budget meeting is tentatively set for November 11, 2024.

Executive Session: The Board broke for an Executive Session from 1740 – 1742 for a legal update.

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Old Business:

- A. Capital Projects Update
  - a. Tender update.
  - b. E61 will be taken to Nevada on 10/27/24 to begin the rebuild project.
  - c. Assistant Chief Ogden presented an Interlocal Agreement and Vehicle Trade Agreement with The City of Longview. **Commissioner Kayser made the motion to accept the Interlocal Agreement with The City of Longview regarding the trade of our Heavy Rescue Apparatus for Longview's Surplus Fire Pumper. Commissioner Stennick seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Kayser made the motion to accept the Vehicle Trade Agreement as presented by The City of Longview. Commissioner Stennick seconded the motion. Motion carried.** The City of Longview offered a rental agreement to the District for the surplus fire pumper until the official trade paperwork is completed. Assistant Chief Ogden would like to extend the same rental agreement to The City of Longview for the rescue apparatus. **Commissioner Kayser made the motion to offer a rental agreement to The City of Longview for the heavy rescue apparatus until all legal trade paperwork is completed. Commissioner Watenpaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
  - d. Gassman Road Property – There is an upcoming meeting with Public Works to discuss extending the water main and PUD will be making their initial site visit to go over electrical requirements.

New Business:

- A. Union Contract Approval – **Commissioner Watenpaugh made the motion to accept the union contract as presented with Local 3828. Commissioner Kayser seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- B. Admin wages and benefits – Commissioner Watenpaugh presented a proposal regarding the wages and benefits for Admin personnel. A discussion followed. **Commissioner Watenpaugh made the motion to approve the wages and benefits as presented for the Chief, Assistant Chief, and District Secretary starting January 1, 2025. Commissioner Kayser seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- C. Narcotics Safe – Chief LeMonds presented to the Board a quote for 4 new narcotic safes. **Commissioner Kayser made the motion to approve the purchase of 4 new narcotic safes. Commissioner Watenpaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Commissioners Report: None

Good of the Order: None

With no further business, **Commissioner Kayser made the motion to adjourn the September 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Stennick seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned @ 6:23 p.m.