



Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting Minutes April 5, 2022

**Clark County Fire District 5
11606 NE 66th Street, Suite 103
Vancouver, WA 98662**

Call Meeting to Order

Chair Rhine called the virtual meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Commissioners Lyons and Gibson were in attendance. Also present at the meeting were District Administrator Jennifer Bethke, and VFD Deputy Chief Doug Koellermeier. Riza Russum recorded meeting minutes. Public invited to the meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89081318810?pwd=YTdHZXd3dGJzNXFHOTFwbXZsRFhsdz09>

Meeting ID: 890 8131 8810
Passcode: 599611

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Lyons motioned to approve the March 15, 2022 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Chief's Report

A. Station 11 Update – Deputy Chief Koellermeier updated the Board on the progress of Station 11 and the fire academies. The new Truck 5 will be delivered to VFD's equipment services shop any day now. The last new truck they had was in 2001.

Commissioner Rhine asked where the academy candidates were recruited from. Some candidates are from the Portland Metro area and some from out-of-state. Commissioner Gibson added three of them are from Eugene Springfield Fire.

B. Co-Branding – Commissioner Lyons informed the Board he saw a fire engine on a medical call at Lowe's on 117th Ave. a couple of weeks ago and the engine did not have the Fire District 5 logo displayed. He did some further checking and reported Fire Stations 4 and 7's apparatus did not have District 5 logo either. Station 5 at Walnut Creek has one reserve engine that has the Fire District 5 logo.

Commissioner Lyons shared pictures of a fire apparatus, that in his opinion, is an effective example of co-branding with Clark Cowlitz Fire's Serving Through Partnership. Commissioner Lyons

expressed his disappointment at this incomplete co-branding project that was agreed to almost two years ago.

Deputy Chief Koellermeier told the board he will check on this and provide an answer to Administrator Bethke before the next meeting.

Administrator Bethke asked where the engine for Station 11 is being used. Chief Koellermeier replied it is currently at Station 7.

Citizens' Communications

IAFF Local 452 Kevin Hart invited the Commissioners to attend the upcoming union meeting on Tuesday, April 12, where the body will vote on endorsement of the Fire District 5 Levy Lid Lift. Commissioner Lyons will attend. Commissioner Rhine appreciated the offer.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Lyons moved to approve items A through F as submitted. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The consent agenda included the following item:

A. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	26,014.50
B. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	2,787.28
C. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	7,621.85
D. Payroll Transmittal – February 16 to 28, 2022	\$	21,791.52
E. Payroll Transmittal – March 1 to 15, 2022	\$	28,439.97
F. Sales Refunds – March 2022	\$	3,423.76

Communications

A. Pro & Con Committee - Administrator Bethke reported there is no formal process to form the Levy Lid Lift's For & Against Committees. For the Pro Committee, the following reached out to Administrator Bethke - Mary Elkins, John Gentry and Matt Hankins. These names and information will be sent to Clark County Elections. In the event no one signs up for the Con Committee, Clark County will assign the Con Committee's written statement.

B. Student Enrollment - Commissioner Rhine asked about the relaxed pandemic mandates and how it is affecting registrations. Administrator Bethke reported Clark College had low enrollment in their course offerings including EMT. EMT students are appreciating the combination of on-line lessons and in-person tests. Students taking in-person tests versus on-line tests significantly raised the student retention and showed amazing results at the National Registry Testing. Commissioner Rhine asked for the minimum number of students to run an EMT class. Administrator Bethke replied it would likely break even at a minimum of five students.



C. Fallen Trees - Administrator Bethke reported there were a couple of trees that fell during Monday's strong winds and rain. Commissioner Rhine recommended checking with Clark County to ensure we are handling the situation correctly.

Secretary's Report

Commissioners' Fund Financials – February 2022 – Provided to the Board for informational purposes. Administrator Bethke also compared these with the February 2021 financials.

Old Business

None.

New Business


Administrator Bethke reported Fire District 5 now has a digital subscription to The Columbian which includes both their website & app digital contents, and the e-paper which is a replica of the daily print paper.

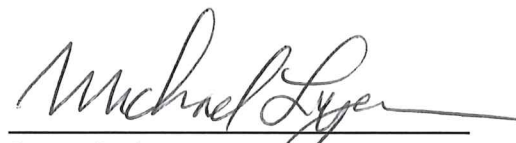
Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Commissioner Rhine adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Sincerely,


Chair


Commissioner


Secretary to the Board


Commissioner