



## Board of Fire Commissioners

### Regular Meeting Minutes December 5, 2023

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

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#### Call Meeting to Order

Chair Lyons called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Rhine and Commissioner Gibson were in attendance. Also present at the meeting were District Administrator Jennifer Bethke, VFD Chief Brennan Blue and Deputy Administrator Chris Cohen.

#### Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Rhine motioned to approve the November 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

#### Chief's Report

**City Infrastructure** – There was a brief discussion between Chief Blue and the Board regarding changes in infrastructure and demographics around the local area. The conversation included how new construction and population growth has impacted operations and potential responses by the VFD. These responses could include increase in staffing and equipment.

#### Citizens' Communications

None.

#### Consent Agenda

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

The consent agenda included the following items:

A. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	4,519.18
B. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	11,712.29
C. Payroll Transmittal – October 16 to 31, 2023	\$	31,253.45
D. Sales Refunds – November 2023	\$	1,335.22



### Secretary's Report

- A. Classes Taught-November 2023 - Provided to the Board for informational purposes.
- B. Vancouver Operations Annexation Notice - Provided to the Board for informational purposes.
- C. Paramedic Training– Chief Blue addressed Administrator Bethke and indicated the need for qualified paramedics in the region. This led to a discussion about the lack of local paramedic training being offered. The Board discussed the idea of creating and/or facilitating a paramedic training program in the District building. Chair Lyons stated his opposition to this idea, citing previous attempts resulted in lost revenue. Administrator Bethke spoke to the financial deficiencies when the training center did paramedic training. She also stated that if it was important for all agencies in our region, there would need to be support from said agencies.

### Board Communications

None.

### Old Business

None.

### New Business

None.

### Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19th, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Commissioner Lyons adjourned at 5:58 pm.

Sincerely,

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Chair

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Commissioner

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "J. G. Bethke", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary to the Board

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Commissioner