



## **Board of Fire Commissioners**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes January 7, 2025**

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

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#### **Call Meeting to Order**

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

#### **Election of Board Chair and Pro Tem for 2025**

Commissioner Lyons nominated Commissioner Rhine for Board Chairman for 2025. Commissioner Gibson seconded the nomination. Commissioner Rhine accepted. All were in favor.

Commissioner Gibson nominated Commissioner Lyons for Pro Tem for 2025. Chair Rhine seconded the nomination. Commissioner Lyons accepted. All were in favor.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Lyons motioned to approve the December 17, 2024 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

#### **Chief's Report**

Chief Blue reported on a recent electrical incident that VFD responded to, which was a downed power line that caused several houses and the wet ground to become over-energized. As a result of the incident, three firefighters were injured and one civilian casualty. Chief Blue emphasized the need for more comprehensive training regarding electrical malfunctions. The Commissioners agreed with Chief Blue that lessons learned from the incident should be broadly communicated. The Board suggested collaborating with Puget Sound Energy to enhance electrical response training. Chief Blue indicated that local training options are currently being explored.



**Citizens' Communications**

None.

**Consent Agenda**

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

The consent agenda included the following items:

A. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	8,133,173.00
B. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	2,409.77
C. Commissioners' Fund 6209	\$	15,017.32
E. Payroll Transmittal – December 1 to 15, 2024	\$	33,739.60
F. Sales Refunds – December	\$	5,358.78

**Secretary's Report**

A. **Classes Taught – December** - Provided to the Board for informational purposes.

**Board Communications**

**Social Security Fairness Act** – There was a brief discussion about new Social Security legislation. The Board directed Administrator Bethke to explore options for District employees to participate in the Social Security benefits program.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.



**Adjournment**

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Commissioner Rhine adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Sincerely,

Chair

Secretary to the Board

Commissioner

Commissioner