

Fire District 3

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes

March 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Dean Thornberry at 6:00 pm at Station 31 and <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188830604>. Commissioner Jon Couture, Commissioner Rick Steele (remote/cell), Chief Scott Sorenson, Division Chief Chris Drone, Division Chief Jason Mansfield, FF Kirk Meller were present.

Minutes

- The minutes of February 28, 2024, for approval.
- Commissioner Steele made a motion to approve the February 12, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Couture seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Correspondence - none

Public Comment - none

Financial Report

- Investments in Fund 6204 \$ 3,825,316.55
- Cash in Fund 6204 \$ (281,407.02)
- Transmittal FD303112024 \$ 285,609.32
- Payroll FD3 03/20/2024 \$ 326,447.57
- Bond Fund 6225 \$ 26,310.01
- February Check Register Review
- Commissioner Steel made a motion to approve Transmittal FD303112024 and Payroll 03/20/2024. Commissioner Couture seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Old Business

- Levy Lid Lift – Chief Sorenson reported that one member of the public attended the March 12 Hockinson Market event and was in full support of the levy proposal. Other positive levy inquiries were shared with our staff at a recent stair climb event at Dutch Brothers.
- Multi Family Tax Exemption – Chiefs Sorenson and Drone presented to the Board the letter sent to City of Battle Ground stating that we are discussing alternative methods so that Principal Properties pays Fire District 3 equal to levy rates in the District for the Eaton Park and Remy Heights development.
- Strategic Plan – Chief Sorenson reviewing staff input and transferring updates to situation statements. When complete those will be presented for goal setting.

New Business

- League of Women’s Voters – Chief Sorenson reported serving on a March 9th League of Women’s Voters Fire District Panel. The event was held at CDM Caregiving Services. General funding, service and governance topics were discussed. ECFR, FD10, CCFR, FD6 and FD3 were represented.
- CARES – Chief Sorenson reported that FD3 has been contacted by CCFR with an opportunity to participate in the CAREs program and receive two years funding for a RN or PM position from Southwest Washington Accountable Community of Health (SWACH). Now waiting on contract for detail. Chief Sorenson shared an example in a recent position announcement used by the Camas/Washougal Fire Department.

- Response Boarders, Move Up Module – Chief Sorenson reported that the Chiefs Association voted to remove jurisdictional boarders for priority 1-4 incidents. This effectively assures the closest unit will be recognized and dispatched first regardless of locale. FD3 will lose up to 200 responses in the southern portion and gain the same in the western portion of the district. Response times should improve. Additionally, the Move Up Module rules will be updated and then evaluated for effectiveness.
- AMR RFP – the Request for Proposal was recently released. Of note, CCFR will be able to transport Priority 1 and 2 in district. Discussion about impacts is ongoing with EMS District 2 users. Chief Sorenson reported discussing with FD6 researching the possibilities of additional transport license to limit potential contract response time issues.

Executive Session none

Meeting Schedule

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| • Wednesday March 27, 2024, | 18:00 hrs. | Board Meeting |
| • Wednesday April 10, 2024, | 18:00 hrs. | Board Meeting |

Adjournment 18:38



 Fire Commissioner Jon Couture



 Fire Commissioner Rick Steele



 Fire Commissioner Dean Thornberry

 Fire Chief Scott Sorenson