

# ***Fire District 3***

***“more than fire...”***

## **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes**

February 26, 2025

The meeting was called to order by: Commissioner Jon Couture at 6:00 pm at Station 31 and <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188830604>. Commissioner's Couture, Thornberry, Bowman, Fire Chief Drone, Div Chief Mansfield, Station 31, Engine's 32,35 (on-line) and (1) citizen present.

#### ***Call to Order – 6:00PM***

***Correspondence*** – None

***Public Comment*** – None

#### ***Consent Agenda***

All items listed below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commissioner requests the specific item(s) be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion prior to the time the Commission votes on the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

A. Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2025	
B. Investments in Fund 6204	\$ 3,262,178.59
C. Cash in Fund 6204	\$ 1,193.60
D. Bond Fund 6225	\$ 27,263.54
E. Transmittal FD302262025	\$ 199,647.10
F. Payroll FD3 2/25/2025	\$ 449,552.68

A motion was made to approve transmittals on the consent agenda by Commissioner Bowman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Couture. All in favor 3-0, the motion passed.

#### ***Old Business-***

- Ambulance Update – Chief Drone, ambulance has been ordered, approximately 16 months out from delivery.
- EMSD2 Update - Chief Drone gave an update on the recent EMS District 2 contract meeting held by the county chiefs. Looking at piggybacking off the existing contract, eliminating subsidies, and allowing for organizations to transport. Still has to go to the Vancouver City Manager for approval.
- Commissioner Elections—Chief Drone update: Two positions are open: Position 2, Jon Couture, and Position 3, Shane Bowman. Both commissioners need to file with the county.
- Collective Bargaining Agreement- Chief Drone gave an update. All three commissioners signed the CBA.

#### ***New Business-***

- Transport License – Chief Drone gave an update on the process and direction the Fire District is going. The District, along with FD6 are gathering data to present the need for acquiring a transport license. More updates to follow.
- Promotions/Hiring – Chief Drone and Div Chief Mansfield gave an update on the status of hiring/interviews. The recommendation is to hire nine with six starting in August and the remaining three in January 2026. A motion to approve this recommendation was made by Commissioner Bowman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Couture. All in favor 3-0, the motion was passed.
- Social Media – Recent social media posts on property taxes. Commissioner Bowman suggested continuing

to meet with the public and the Fire Chief. Commissioner Bowman also suggested meeting with the BG seniors at their luncheon. Chief Drone and Div Chief Mansfield will handle this presentation. Chief Drone to schedule coffee meetings.

- Station 35 Facia – Repairs are needed for the facia board surrounding ST35. Div Chief Mansfield to follow-up with BC O'Brien for assessment/report.

**Executive Session** – RCW 42.30110(1)(b) Consideration of site selection or acquisition of real estate purchase or lease if the likelihood that disclosure would increase the price.

- In executive session at 18:35 for 10 minutes.
- Executive session adjourned at 18:45 with no action to follow. Back in regular session.

**Meeting Schedule**

- Wednesday, March 12, 2025, Station 31 18:00 hrs. Board Meeting
- Wednesday, March 26, 2025, Station 31 18:00 hrs. Board Meeting


**Adjournment: 18:45**



Fire Commissioner Jon Couture



Fire Commissioner Dean Thornberry



Fire Commissioner Shane Bowman

Fire Chief Chris Drone