

# **Fire District 3**

**“more than fire...”**

## **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes**

October 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Rick Steele at 6:00 pm at Station 31 and <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188830604>. Commissioner Jon Couture, Commissioner Dean Thornberry, Chief Scott Sorenson, Division Chief Chris Drone, and the Station 35 crew were present via zoon.

#### **Minutes**

- The minutes of September 25, 2023, for approval.
- Commissioner Thornberry made a motion to approve the September 25, 2023, minutes as written, Commissioner Couture seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

**Correspondence** – Chief Sorenson shared a Jenny Creek Fire thank you received from a group of residents in LaCenter.

**Public Comment** – None

#### **Financial Report**

- Investments in Fund 6204 \$ 2,533,630.32
- Cash in Fund 6204 \$ 88,654.67
- Transmittal FD310092023 \$ 159,437.60
- Payroll FD3 10/04/2023 \$ 388,082.62
- Bond Fund 6225 \$ 25,960.90
- Commissioner Thornberry made a motion to approve revised FD309252023, FD309252033, and Payroll 10/04/2023. Commissioner Couture seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

#### **Old Business**

- Meeting Clark Cowlitz Fire Rescue Board October 4 - Chief Sorenson reported minutes will be available next meeting and discussing a joint Commission Meeting with Chief Mauer and Chief Nohr. We are waiting for dates.
- Station 35 Evaluation – Chief Drone reported on meeting with Johanssen who will provide 3 options for remodel ideas.
- Multi Family Tax Exemption Chief Sorenson reported the Battle Ground City council did not approve the most recent application.
- Budget Update – Chief Sorenson provided the current preliminary budget for review. The budget will be reviewed and considered with public hearing on November 27, 2023
- Future Funding – Chief Sorenson reviewed options for a possible future levy lid lift. Without a levy lid lift, revenue losses could be over \$500,000 per year.

#### **New Business**


- Labor Contract Extension – the Board approved, and each signed the contract extension addendum.
- Captain Exam – Chief Sorenson reported the list would be available for review at the next meeting. Commissioner Thornberry and Chief Drone, both exam evaluators, complimented all of the candidates for a job well done.

**Executive Session** None

**Meeting Schedule**

- Monday November 13, 2023, 18:00 hrs. Board Meeting
- Monday November 27, 2023, 18:00 hrs. Board Meeting

**Adjournment 18:45**



Fire Commissioner Jon Couture



Fire Commissioner Rick Steele



Fire Commissioner Dean Thornberry

Fire Chief Scott Sorenson