

**REGULAR JOINT MEETING MINUTES
CPFR, OVFR, AND GFR JOINT BOARD MEETING
October 14, 2024**

Chair Holm called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at the Fire District Administrative & Operations Center – 1015 39th Ave SE Suite #120 Puyallup, WA 98374 at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Chair Holm, Vice Chair Stringfellow, Commissioners, Willis, Coleman, and Mitchell, Ex Officio Door, Chair Homan, Vice Chair Barstow, Commissioners McAfee, Estes, and Samuelsen, Chair Bellerive, Vice Chair Palombi, Commissioners Gorder, Dannat, and Buttz, Chief Morrow, Director Robacker, SS McInnis and EA Paramapoonya, Recorder.

1. ROLL CALL – DISTRICT SECRETARY

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Holm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Homan moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded to approve the agenda.
MOTION CARRIED.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (FOR ITEMS NOT SPECIFICALLY ON THE AGENDA)

No Public Comment

5. CONSENT AGENDA: Central Pierce Fire & Rescue (Single Motion)

- A. Minutes: Joint Board Meeting of September 23, 2024
- B. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 61176 to 61267 totaling:	\$	8,994,312.76
Net Payroll Warrants Numbered 107865 to 107870	\$	9,824.97
GRAND TOTAL	\$	9,004,137.73

Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. CONSENT AGENDA: Orting Valley Fire & Rescue (Single Motion)

- A. Minutes: Regular Board Meeting of September 23, 2024
- B. Expense to Payroll Transfer Request
- C. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 13541 to 13453 totaling:	\$	2,840.01
GRAND TOTAL	\$	2,840.01

Commissioner Dannat moved and Commissioner Gorder seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. CONSENT AGENDA: Graham Fire & Rescue (Single Motion)

- A. Minutes: Regular Board Meeting of September 23, 2024
- B. Approval of:

Payables:	Expense Approval Register 09/26/2024	\$120,152.94
Payables:	Expense Approval Register 10/02/2024	\$10,017.50
Payroll:	Transaction #100279 to #100421	\$1,230,917.98
	TOTAL:	\$1,361,088.42

Commissioner McAfee moved and Vice Chair Barstow seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

8. STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Legislative Committee: Commissioner Samuelsen requested two representatives from each District to create a combined Legislative Committee. The Committee will consist of Commissioner Mitchell, Chair Holm, Commissioner Gorder, Chair Homan, Commissioner Buttz, and Chief Espinosa. Further details and planning will be discussed.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Interlocal Agreement for Fire & Emergency Services
 - **Presented to:** *Central Pierce Fire & Rescue*

Chief Morrow reviewed the Interlocal Agreement for Fire & Emergency Services. Commissioner Mitchell moved and Commissioner Willis seconded to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Fire and Emergency Services between Central Pierce Fire & Rescue and Graham Fire & Rescue as presented." **MOTION CARRIED.**

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. BOD 3.03 BOC Meetings, Policies, and Procedures
 - **Presented to:** *Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, Orting Valley Fire & Rescue, Graham Fire & Rescue*

Chief Morrow reviewed BOD 3.03 BOC Meetings, Policies, and Procedures. All feedback from the Board over the next two weeks will be included in revisions.

11. CONSIDERATIONS & REQUESTS

- A. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant
- **Presented to:** *Central Pierce Fire & Rescue*

Director Robacker reviewed the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant. Commissioner Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Willis seconded to approve the acceptance of the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant in the amount of \$25,115.68. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- B. GFR Finance Presentation – Director Robacker
- **Presented to:** *Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, Orting Valley Fire & Rescue, Graham Fire & Rescue*

Director Robacker presented the Standard Reporting Checkbook Format, in relation to the Graham Fire & Rescue finances. Commissioner McAfee and Commissioner Samuelson requested that the board packets be finalized earlier to allow additional time to review content.

12. STAFF, LOCAL, FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION and FIRE CHIEF REPORTS

- A. Emergency Services Directorate/Chief Morrow: Chief Morrow reviewed the Emergency Services Directorate Report. Commissioner McAfee requested a presentation on the radios mentioned, for additional understanding.
- B. Professional Services Directorate/Chief Morrow: Chief Morrow reviewed the Professional Services Directorate Report.
- C. Human Resources Directorate/Director Washo:
- D. Fire Chief's Report/Chief Morrow: Chief Morrow reviewed the Fire Chief's Report.
- E. Local 726 Report: The Holiday Party will be on November 16th at the Fair.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Employee Recognition: Chair Holm appreciated the correspondence from Staff.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:08 p.m., Chair Homan moved and Commissioner Samuelson seconded to move into Executive Session for 15 minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) - Matters of potential agency action and potential litigation and RCW 42.30.110(1)(k) – A Complaint against public officials.

At 7:23 p.m., Chair Homan extended the meeting for 10 minutes.

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At 7:53 p.m., Chair Homan extended the meeting for 5 minutes.

At 7:58 p.m., Chair Homan moved and Commissioner Samuelsen seconded to return to regular session. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chair Homan moved and Commissioner Samuelsen seconded to waive attorney/client privileges regarding the investigation related to the formal complaint against the GFR Board Members. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Roll Call Vote: Chair Homan, Commissioners Barstow and Samuelsen: Yea, Commissioner McAfee: Nay, Commissioner Estes recused himself due to conflict of interest.

15. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Buttz – Commissioner Buttz expressed that she is continuously impressed at how well all Board members are working together.

Commissioner Gorder – Commissioner Gorder discussed a recent complaint in Orting, regarding personnel visiting local coffee shops and the potential for a negative perception from the public.

Commissioner Dannat – Commissioner Dannat commented on the Orting complaint and expressed that it is great for the crews to visit local coffee shops. The complaint may indicate that the District should provide further information on this topic to the public.

Vice Chair Palombi – Vice Chair Palombi commented on the discussion of public perception and confirmed to be in favor of personnel visiting local coffee shops as well. He explained that it is a good way for District employees to interact with the public.

Chair Bellerive – Chair Bellerive appreciated all the information provided in the Finance presentation.

Commissioner Samuelsen – Commissioner Samuelsen thanked Tanya for the Finance presentation and inquired about the status of the crews who were deployed to Florida.

Commissioner Estes – Commissioner Estes commented on the Orting complaint and voiced his support for the crews visiting local coffee shops. He explained that it can be an opportunity for productive conversations to take place with community members.

Commissioner McAfee – Commissioner McAfee commented that it is a good thing for crews to visit local coffee shops, but stressed the importance of being mindful of public

perception, especially if large groups are congregating. Commissioner McAfee also requested that parking in the alley at Station 95 be addressed.

Vice Chair Barstow – Vice Chair Barstow also commented on the Orting complaint and explained that it is a matter of public education.

Chair Homan – Chair Homan thanked all Board members and Staff for the positive energy and conversations that are occurring. Great job to Chair Holm for running the meeting tonight.

Commissioner Mitchell – Commissioner Mitchell commended everyone and acknowledged that the time for growth is here. Great job to all.

Commissioner Willis – Commissioner Willis thanked Assistant Chief Bouchard for all the hard work to make EMS care better. Commissioner Willis also thanked Tanya for handling the financials.

Vice Chair Stringfellow - Nothing to add.

Chair Holm – Happy 89th birthday to Commissioner Mitchell, tomorrow. Chair Holm thanked all Staff who continue to put in the hard work every day.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner McAfee moved and Commissioner Samuelsen seconded to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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