

**REGULAR JOINT MEETING MINUTES
CPFR, GFR, AND OVFR JOINT BOARD MEETING
January 27, 2025**

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 and Mitchell, Chair Homan, Vice Chair Barstow, Commissioners McAfee, Estes, and Samuelsen, Chair Bellerive, Commissioners Gorder and Dannat, Chief Morrow, Director Robacker, Director Roberts, Deputy Director Kemp, Mr. Parke, and SS McInnis, Recorder.

1. ROLL CALL – DISTRICT SECRETARY

- A. Excused Absences: Ex-Officio Door, Vice Chair Palombi, and Commissioner Buttz.
- B. Unexcused Absences: Commissioner Coleman.

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 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Mr. Parke addressed the Board concerning the contract for services among the three districts. He also posed questions regarding the number of Commissioners serving Graham Fire & Rescue. Mr. Parke agreed to meet with Chair Holm, Chair Homan, and Chief Morrow at a later date to discuss his inquiries in greater detail.

5. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Deputy Chief Berdan and Deputy Chief Jackson were sworn in by Chief Morrow.

6. JOINT BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes: Joint Board Meeting of January 13, 2025.

The Joint Board Meeting Minutes were approved with the following changes: Commissioner Coleman was not present for the January 13, 2025 meeting, and his absence was unexcused. Commissioner Mitchell moved, and Commissioner Willis seconded to approve the Joint Board Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2025 as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

A. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 61667 to 61733 totaling:	\$	1,577,306.23
GRAND TOTAL	\$	1,577,306.23

Vice Chair Stringfellow moved and Commissioner Mitchell seconded to approve the Consent Agenda for Central Pierce Fire & Rescue. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

A. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 13467 to 13469 totaling:	\$	10,077.32
GRAND TOTAL	\$	10,077.32

Chair Bellerive moved and Commissioner Dannat seconded to approve the Consent Agenda for Orting Valley Fire & Rescue. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

A. Approval of:

Accounts Payable Warrant Numbered 1150 totaling:	\$	1,959,496.64
Accounts Payable Warrant Numbered 2300 totaling:		1,913,974.67
December Benefits Warrant Numbered 36405 totaling:		22,632.00
Accounts Payable Warrants Numbered 36406 to 36445 totaling:		177,042.90
GRAND TOTAL	\$	4,073,146.21

Commissioner McAfee moved and Commissioner Estes seconded to approve the Consent Agenda for Graham Fire & Rescue. **MOTION CARRIED.**

10. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Budget – Finance – Audit

Commissioner McAfee discussed that the audit process is still ongoing.

B. Legislative

Commissioner Samuelsen reported that the Legislative Committee had a meeting last week. The Committee has been monitoring legislative bills and identifying the top five priorities.

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Resolution 25-01 – Intention to Initiate Name Change – 2nd Reading

- **Presented to:** Central Pierce Fire & Rescue

Director Roberts reviewed Resolution 25-01 – Intention to Initiate Name Change.

Commissioner Mitchell moved and Vice Chair Stringfellow seconded to approve Central Pierce Fire & Rescue Resolution 25-01, stating intention to initiate the name change process upon passing of one or both merger propositions in April 2025. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Resolution 2025-002 – Call for Special Election – 2nd Reading

- **Presented to:** *Orting Valley Fire & Rescue*

Deputy Director Kemp reviewed Resolution 2025-002 – Call for Special Election. Commissioner Dannat moved and Commissioner Gorder seconded to approve Orting Valley Fire & Rescue Resolution 2025-002, calling for Special Election to put the Proposition for Merger on the April 22, 2025 Special Election Ballot. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Resolution 1010 2025 – Call for Special Election – 2nd Reading

- **Presented to:** *Graham Fire & Rescue*

Director Roberts reviewed Resolution 1010 2025 – Call for Special Election. Commissioner Estes moved and Commissioner Samuelsen seconded to approve Graham Fire & Rescue Resolution 1010, calling for Special Election to put the Proposition for Merger on the April 22, 2025 Special Election Ballot. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Graham Fire & Rescue/Local 726 Health and Welfare Trust Agreements and Resolutions

- **Presented to:** *Graham Fire & Rescue*

Chief Morrow and 726 President James reviewed the Graham Fire & Rescue/Local 726 Health and Welfare Trust Agreements and Resolutions. President James shared the intent of these agreements and Resolutions. Chair Homan requested that first and last names be added to the signature lines.

Chair Homan moved and Commissioner McAfee seconded to approve the Merger and Transfer Agreement between Graham Fire & Rescue and the Local 726 Health and Welfare Trust as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chair Homan moved and Commissioner McAfee seconded to approve the Agreement for Spin-off of Assets and Liabilities from the NWFFT- Graham Fire & Rescue to the Local 726 Health and Welfare Trust. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Samuelsen moved and Commissioner McAfee seconded to approve Graham Fire & Rescue Resolution 1011 for the Transfer of Assets and Liabilities from the NWFFT – Graham Fire & Rescue to the Local 726 Health and Welfare Trust. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

- A. Finance Directorate/Director Robacker: Director Robacker reviewed the Finance Division Report.
- B. Business Services Directorate/DC Berdan: DC Berdan reviewed the Business Services Directorate Report.
- C. Executive Services Directorate/Director Roberts: Director Roberts reviewed the Executive Services Directorate Report.
- D. Fire Chief's Report/Chief Morrow: Chief Morrow reviewed the Fire Chief's Report. Chief Morrow inquired about the Graham Commissioners' opinions regarding the potential addition of a centralized fueling station or a mobile fuel truck.

Commissioner McAfee is in support a mobile fueling option while incorporating a fueling station at the new Station 92.

Chair Homan stated that a centrally located fixed fuel site could be beneficial and suggested a combination of a mobile unit and a permanent station.

Commissioner Gorder inquired about shared fueling options with the State and potential partnerships with the City, County, or Boeing.

Commissioner Samuelson expressed support for both a fixed fuel station and a mobile fueling option.

Commissioner Estes provided two perspectives – one for regular operations and another for state or national disaster scenarios. He suggested discussions with County shops, Boeing, large trucking companies, and the Bethel School District bus barn to explore additional opportunities. He noted that a mobile fueling rig would be valuable for both wildland operations and daily use.

Commissioner Barstow stated that having a fueling station on district property would be ideal. He acknowledged that the school bus barn could be a viable option but noted potential limitations during larger emergencies.

- E. Local 726 Report/President James: President James provided an update on *Operation Warm – Coats for Kids*, stating that coats have been delivered to every Elementary school within the fire district, including South Pierce. He noted that this initiative was funded through the Benevolent Fund.

14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Bellerive – Chair Bellerive thanked everyone for their extra efforts over the past month.

Commissioner Dannat – Commissioner Dannat expressed appreciation for the staff and thanked Mr. Parke for attending. She commended Local 726 for their work with *Operation Warm – Coats for Kids*, calling it “awesome.”

Chair Homan – Chair Homan thanked Local 726 for their contributions to the community, highlighting their alignment with the district’s mission. He announced that both he and Chief Morrow would be speaking at the Mid-County Leadership Meeting on Wednesday alongside other key county leaders. Chair Homan voiced concern about transitioning payroll for Commissioners, preferring to hold off for now.

Vice Chair Barstow – Vice Chair Barstow extended thanks to the entire team, from administration to probationary firefighters, and expressed gratitude to Mr. Parke for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Samuelsen – Commissioner Samuelsen echoed prior comments, giving special recognition to DCs Jackson and Berdan for the success of the Open House, noting that some children attending were wearing coats provided by Local 726. He thanked Mr. Parke for his participation in the meeting.

Commissioner McAfee – Commissioner McAfee thanked Mr. Parke and agreed with Chair Homan on retaining payroll with Graham. She shared that she attended the Pierce County Commissioners Meeting, where Zane delivered an impressive presentation on the Lahar. Commissioner McAfee concluded by expressing appreciation for the employees and their hard work.

Commissioner Estes – Commissioner Estes congratulated DCs Berdan and Jackson on their leadership and praised staff for their tireless efforts. He highlighted the district’s whole blood program as groundbreaking and expressed excitement about the district’s forward-thinking wildland program, which positions them ahead of the curve. Lastly, Commissioner Estes thanked Local 726 for their support.

Chair Holm – Chair Holm highlighted the innovation of the whole blood program and its potential future advancements, predicting that within a decade or two, fieldwork may mirror current ER-level capabilities.

Vice Chair Stringfellow – Vice Chair Stringfellow shared his experience attending the Open House and read a positive message from a Tacoma firefighter who attended with family. Stressed the importance of acquiring a fuel truck.

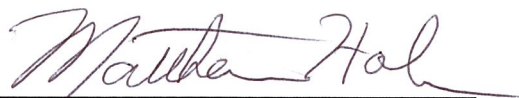
Commissioner Mitchell – Commissioner Mitchell described the meeting as exciting due to the new ideas presented. He encouraged community participation, noting that it provides valuable insights and fosters a better understanding of the district’s services.

Commissioner Willis – Commissioner Willis thanked Tanya for her hard work and addressed Mr. Parke’s comment, reiterating that a key goal of merging the three districts is to enhance rural services. He emphasized the value of the wildland component and commended cost savings achieved through refurbishments. Commissioner Willis also stressed the need to get the hazmat rig operational.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Matthew Holm
Chair of the Board, CPFR



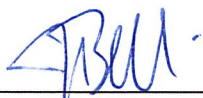
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