

**WKRFA West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority**  
**Regular Meeting**

119 NE Church Street White Salmon WA 98672.

Thursday <sup>July</sup> June 16, 2026. 6:30pm.

- ❖ The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair David Lindley at 18:43.

A Quorum was not present.

Attempts were made to contact members of the board.

Per Roberts Rules 40:7 the assembly fixed the date, time and location to adjourn.

**Meeting moved to:**

- Tuesday July 21 at 1830.
- 119 NE Church Street, White Salmon WA 98672

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Thursday <sup>July</sup> June 21, 2026. 6:30pm.

- ❖ The meeting was called to order by Chair Thomas Montag at 18:32.

- ❖ Flag Salute.

- ❖ Attendance:

**WKRFA Governing Board:** Quorum: Thomas Montag, David Lindley, Ben Giant, Morella Mora, Robert Connor, Charles Virts.

**Absent:**

**Advisory groups/staff:** Chief Long (via Zoom from mobilization), Jennifer McLean, Eric Bosler, Rozalind Plumb,

**Public:**

- ❖ Agenda:

*"Move to approve the agenda for 7/21/26 as presented." Made by Robert Connor, second by Ben Giant (5 in favor, 0 opposed) motion passed.*

- ❖ Minutes of the last Meeting.

*"Move to approve the minutes for June 18, 2026." made by Charles Virts, second by Robert Connor, (5 in favor, 0 opposed) motion passed.*

- ❖ Public Comments: None noted.

- ❖ Administrative Secretary's report (see attached)

1. Approval of the scripts and ACH payments.

*Move to approve the scripts for the following dates and corresponding amounts June 18<sup>th</sup> 2026 in the amount of \$507.40, June 23<sup>rd</sup> \$489.44, June 24<sup>th</sup>, \$1,344.26, June 30<sup>th</sup> \$5,135.81, July 1<sup>st</sup> \$3,694.39, July 7<sup>th</sup> \$16,485.90, July 8<sup>th</sup> \$10,119.64, July 13<sup>th</sup> \$5015.77, with the addition of ACH payment totals of \$26,655.42 on June 9<sup>th</sup>, and another for*

***\$13,909.79 also June 9<sup>th</sup>." Made by Ben Giant, second by David Lindley, (5 yay, 0 opposed) motion passed. (ACH Payments are for payroll and payroll taxes).***

Discussion on whether public has been asking for budget information. Chief noted that he and staff encourage questions but rarely receive any. Discussion on where the public can see the updated budget. Currently updates are posted in the meeting packets and posted online monthly. Is there an opportunity to make the budget more accessible?

Discussion on the Capital Reserve Funds. Per the RFA Plan 10% of annual tax revenue is to go to the Capital Reserve. 2025 was the 1<sup>st</sup> year and we waited until the end of the year to move the funds over. For 2026 Jennifer has tracked the tax income to date and we have made a 6-month transfer to the Capital Fund. Intent is to show the transfer each month out of the Operating Budget.

❖ **Fire Chief's Report** –See attached by Chief Long.

Station 32 Well Project – contractors are on track; the roof is opened and ready for the pump contractor.

Fleet – Some minor issues.

Air Compressors -Station 31 has a new compressor installed. St 32 and 34 still need work.

Personnel – Ross Lambert and Ron Reynolds have passed away. They were respected long term members of White Salmon FD and KCFD3.

Chief should return from mobilization tomorrow.

❖ **Training Report:** See report attached prepared By Captain Crumpacker.

❖ **Volunteer Representative Report.**

1. Volunteer Association sponsored the obituary for Ron Reynolds in the newspaper. He will be missed very much.
2. Next Tuesday Drill night will be a social event - open to all involved with the agency and family.

❖ **Information Only Items.** None

❖ **Unfinished Business- Follow -up Items.** See below

1. **St 32 Well** – Repairs underway

❖ **Discussion Items/Action Items**

1. **Resolutions** - None

2. **Policies.** – None

3. **Agreements.**

- **911 Dispatch Agreement.** – This is an existing agreement with a new section on confidentiality. Board received a copy before the meeting. This agreement will

be in effect through June 2027. There are ongoing discussions at the county level on user fees.

***Move to approve the radio system use and 911 dispatch service agreement of Klickitat County made by David Lindley, second by Robert Connor, (5 yay, 0 opposed) motion passed.***

#### **4. Other Discussion Items-**

**A. IAFF Local 5172-Collective Bargaining.** PERC will have approved the bargaining unit. No further information.

#### **B. Strategic Planning –**

- Fleet replacement – Last meeting Chief gave rough estimates to
  - Replace 1 Type-1 Engine (to be located at White Salmon Station 30),
  - Replace 1 Brush Engine,
  - Replace 1 Command vehicle.
  - Proposal to surplus and sell the Ambulance, and
  - Proposal to convert U-30.
- Request the board review the proposals and authorize staff to spec and place an order for a type-1 engine. Noted the delivery is 18-24 months away and payment is due on receipt.
- Discussion on Type-1 engine cost between \$550,000 to \$750,000.
- Discussion on cost of the other projects and how to pay for them all knowing that there is another Type-1 Engine to be replaced within the next 5 years (Station 31 E-31).
- Chief outlined the process
  - Sign up for a state bid contract (e.g. DES or Sourcewell).
  - Build Specifications for an Engine that meets the needs of the RFA. (The vehicle will affect the WSRB rating).
- Discussion on used v new. Consensus that used will not meet our needs or help the WSRB rating.
- Discussion on Type 1- versus Type-3. A Type-3 will not meet the WSRB rating. While the cost is less for the vehicle it will harm the WSRB rating and so increase insurance premiums for everyone.

***“Motion to empower the Chief to spec an Engine he feels is appropriate for the needs of West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority, looking at both Type- 1, Type-2, and Type 3 as discussed between Commissioner Connor and Commissioner Virts”. Made by Ben Giant, Second by Charles Virts. (5 yay, 0 opposed) motion passed.***

Chief noted the rating is based on tank capacity, pump capacity, and equipment. A Type-3 is shorter, smaller tank capacity with 4x4. It is nimbler and cheaper than a type-1. But we need to look at the future growth needs.

Chief asked for guidance on the other proposals he has submitted.

David Lindley asked for discussion on how to pay for the capital projects on the table now. The current proposals outstrip everything we have in reserve. We will need to finance more than one of these projects. We need to balance what we want, when we need it, and what we can project having available to spend, and where we feel our comfort zone is with the capital reserve for the things we cannot plan.

- Timing for the projects:
  - The Engine should be ordered this year.
  - The Brush engines – B-34 – unreliable, B32 is a loaner from the state and reliable.
  - Command Vehicle – high milage but still serviceable, however, there is increased need for an additional staff vehicle in the fleet.
- Need to identify the projected growth of the Capital fund.
- In the absence of having another strategic planning meeting, this will be a recurring item on the agenda.

❖ **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (as needed per RCW 42.30.110). – None needed.

❖ **Action items** – covered above.

❖ **Good of the order.** Ben Giant apologized to the board, staff and the district that he missed the meeting last week. Morella Mora had the same comments for being absent last week.

❖ **Next Meeting:**

**Regular Board meeting Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup> 18:30. Location: Station 30, 119 NE Church Street White Salmon.**

❖ ***"Motion to adjourn," made by Ben Giant, seconded by Charles Virts (5 in favor 0 opposed).***  
*Motion passed.*

**Meeting adjourned 19:16.**

**APPROVED:**

  
WKRFA Chair -Thomas Montag (date)

**Attest:**

  
Administrative Manager - Rozalind Plumb