

West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority
Public Hearing to receive comment on the 2025 budget.
 119 NE Church Street White Salmon WA 98672.

Monday November 21, 2024. 6:30pm.

1. **The meeting was called to order at 18:30, by Vice Chair David Lindley.**
Regular Business meeting will follow.
2. **Agenda:**
"I move to approve the agenda for the public hearing as presented" made by Charles Virts, second by Jason Hartmann, (5 in favor, 0 opposed) motion passed.
3. **Roll Call**
WKRFA Governing Board: Quorum: Jason Hartmann, Ben Giant, David Lindley, Robert Connor, Charles Virts.
 Excused: Thomas Montag
Advisory groups/staff: Chief Wes Long, Chief Bill Hunsaker, Rozalind Plumb, Jennifer McLean
4. **Review of 2025 estimated Levy amount:**
 The RFA's 2025 budget is based on the **Maximum Lawful Levy amount** as calculated by the Klickitat County Assessor's Office. The levy amount below is based on the *estimated* assessed values on 11/20/2024.

The WKRFA Plan stated the levy rate would be no more than \$0.76 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

County updated 11/20/2024 phone estimate from Caitlyn
2025

	Assessed Value	per 1000	rate	Total tax
RFA	\$ 1,768,749,499.00	\$ 1,768,749.50	\$ 0.76	\$ 1,344,249.62

5. **Review of 2025 Operating Budget:**
 The RFA has predicted expenditures for the 2025 financial year by addressing the anticipated operating and capital requirements. Predicted expenditure costs are set out as line items within the budget and are subject to change as needs arise. Per the RFA Plan 10% of tax revenue will be set aside for Capital. Historically the district practiced setting 5% of the general fund aside to be invested. The current budget continues to set aside any remaining funds.

Included in the packet is an email from the County explaining how the initial levy will be set.

Discussion on the funds available for KCFD3. It was noted that there is not currently a line in the budget for that. The estimated costs is around \$5,000 for liability insurance, and election costs. Board requested to include a KCFD3 legacy line in the budget.

6. **Public Discussion:** None.


7. **Approval** of the 2025 Budget is planned to occur after the public hearing, during the regular business meeting following the hearing.

8. **Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn made by Charles Virts, Second by Jason Hartmann, (5 in favor, 0 opposed) motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 18:45.

APPROVED:



WKRFA Vice Chair - David Lindley (date) 12/17/24

Attest:



Secretary Rozalind Plumb