

WKRFA West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority
Regular Meeting

119 NE Church Street White Salmon WA 98672.

Thursday June 18, 2026. 6:30pm.

- ❖ The meeting was called to order by Chair Thomas Montag at 18:30.
- ❖ Flag Salute.
- ❖ Attendance:
WKRFA Governing Board: Quorum: Thomas Montag, Ben Giant, Robert Connor, Charles Virts, Morella Mora.
Absent: David Lindley
Advisory groups/staff: Chief Long (via Zoom from a mobilization), Jennifer McLean, Eric Bosler, Rozalind Plumb, Thomas Crumpacker, Zack Landgren, Ben Schneider,
Public: Amy Landgren
- ❖ Agenda:
"Move to approve the agenda for June 18th, 2026." made by Ben Giant, second by Morella Mora (4 in favor, 0 opposed) motion passed.
- ❖ Minutes of the last Meeting.
"Move to approve the minutes for May 21, 2026." made by Charles Virts, second by Robert Connor, (4 in favor, 0 opposed) motion passed.
- ❖ Swearing In Ceremony: Firefighter Landgren and Firefighter Schneider have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Commissioner Montag swore them in to their new rank.
- ❖ Public Comments: None noted.
- ❖ Administrative Secretary's report (see attached)
 1. General Budget is 30% which puts us on track for the year.
 2. Out of budget expenses currently total \$157,100.96. This includes the ADA Walkway, the Snowden tanks and Fire station 30 furniture. All items that were unanticipated in the 2026 budget but covered by the existing reserves in the general fund. The station 32 well failure will also be covered under this.
 3. Revenue from property tax is just over 50% of expected for the year.
 4. Approval of the scripts and ACH payments.*Motion to approve payment of the general expense fund scripts for the 26th May \$695.01, 27th May \$7,482.00, 1st June, \$75,513.15, 2nd June \$7,271.71, 8th June \$15,043.51, 9th June, \$5,874.00, the 15th June \$674.69. ACH payments for approval include \$24,978.31 for payroll on 7th May, \$13,157.74 for payroll tax on 7th May, on 8th May we have a Quit Claim*

fee for \$613. Motion made by Charles Virts, second by Ben Giant. (4 yay, 0 opposed) motion passed.

5. A&H and AD&D Insurance Renewal. The A&H insurance is on a 3-year installment plan (currently paid 2 of the 3 installments for 2025-2027). The AD&D is on an annual renewal. Board discussed the cost of the insurance on annual renewal and cost savings for 3-year prepaid. The 3-year pre-paid will need to be paid out of the general fund. Discussed the benefit of locking in the 3-year rate. Insurance in general is increasing. Premium for AD&D annual renewal is \$3,527, 3 -year prepaid is \$9,520 (saving \$663 on 2026 rate, possibly more with increased rates from year to year).

Motion to approve the 3-year prepaid AD&D insurance. Made by Charles Virts, second by Robert Connor 45 yay, 0 opposed) motion passed.

6. WFCB Commissioner Conference - October 21- 24th. Requesting which board members wish to attend so staff can make the bookings.
7. 2025 State Audit. The annual audit has been completed for WKRF, and KCFD3.

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

Station 32 Well Project – contractors will be available in July.

White Salmon station signs have been installed.

Fleet Maintenance has been completed- Costs have pushed over the amount budgeted.

Air Compressors are down at all stations. Chief is working to get them functioning.

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

Expect the training hours to start coming down as Fire Academy is now over.

❖ **Volunteer Representative Report.** Outreach has been ongoing for new recruits. Community involvement at the Farmers Market. The Association is looking at ways to be involved in the Christmas in White Salmon event. A pancake breakfast is not feasible as the bays need to be open and it will not be practical in winter.

❖ **Information Only Items.**

1. **Quit Claims-** Two of the three properties have been transferred from KCFD3 the WKRF. The third station (st 34 Mountain Brook) required the 100-year lease agreement to be updated and recorded with the County.

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

1. **St 32 Well** – Repairs should take place towards the end of July.
2. **PDC** –Ben Giant confirmed that the City Council members do not report to the PDC.

❖ **Discussion Items/Action Items**

1. **Resolutions** - None
2. **Policies.** – There are several in draft format that need to be brought to the board.

3. Agreements.

- **Web site ADA Accessibility.** – There is new federal legislation coming in April 2028, that requires websites to be compatible with screen readers. Our website platform (Streamline) is compliant with existing ADA regulations, but under the new rules we would have over 4,800 non-compliant pdf pages on the website (mostly minutes and reports). The website platform is partnering with “Doc Access” which can translate the documents and gives access to live help for the individual trying to read the documents. The cost would be \$3,000 per year. This is in addition to the ongoing platform cost of \$271.15 / month. Board discussed the fees and timeline to be compliant. Agreed to wait and see what other options may be available before the 2028 deadline.

4. Other Discussion Items-

A. **IAFF Local 5172-Collective Bargaining.** The Process is slow. The PERC will have an election to approve the bargaining unit at the end of June.

B. **Strategic Planning** – trying to get dates when most of the board can meet.

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

❖ **Action items** – covered above.

❖ **Good of the order.** None noted.

❖ **Next Meeting:**

Regular Board meeting Thursday July 16th 18:30. Location: Station 30, 119 NE Church Street White Salmon.

❖ ***“Motion to adjourn,” made by Charles Virts, seconded by Robert Connor (4 in favor 0 opposed). Motion passed.***

Meeting adjourned 19:13.

APPROVED:



WKRFA Chair -Thomas Montag (date)

Attest:



Administrative Manager - Rozalind Plumb