

**Board of Fire Commissioner
Special Meeting Agenda
March 9th, 2026, 1100 hrs
At 238 Mossyrock Road East**

Call Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

RE: Tacoma Power Utilities contract negotiations

Good of the Order

Adjourned

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**Lewis County Fire District #3
Commissioner's Special Meeting Minutes
March 9th, 2026 @ 1100 hours
@ 238 Mossyrock Road East**

The Board of Commissioners meeting was called to Order by Commissioner Spade at 1100 hrs. Board of Commissioners in attendance – Commissioner Curt Spahn, Commissioner Doug Houghtelling & Commissioner Scott Spade.
Administrative Assistant (AA) – Amanda Houghtelling
Fire Chief (FC) – Bill Edgington
Additional attendees on sign in sheet.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: None.

The Board welcomed Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU), Holly Rogge, Patrick Sullivan & Chad Chalmers to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Commissioner Spade stated that in 2025, the compensation from TPU to the fire district to provide services annually is only \$1,738.34. This is significantly lower than the cost to the district to provide the service needed for fire protection to the structures on TPU property including the dam and powerhouse. Chief Edgington reiterated the needs to provide proper protection and current restrictions due to lack of equipment, training and supplies listed in the LCFD 3 Incident Response Plan for the Mossyrock Hydroelectric Project that highlight the safety requirements that would be needed to attempt to rescue a TPU employee or provide proper fire protection other than outside defensive only. Even for outside defensive protection, F500 foam is needed to properly suppress the energy lines from a powerhouse and fuel. Chief provided an overview of the needed 60-minute SCBA's, upgraded communications, etc in discussion. Chief summarized the Strategic Service Level Assessment showing that TPU is currently paying equivalent to \$0.0014 per \$1000 of assessed value which is considerably less than the current tax payer at \$0.32 per \$1000 of assessed value that aligns with the Valuation Methodology Report for a value of the hydroelectric project and what it would cost to replace it.

Mr. Chalmers stated that over the past 5 years, TPU has trained their own staff in confined space rescue. TPU invited a vendor and spent \$60,000 outfitting a trailer with confined space rescue equipment for Riffe and Mayfield locations. It is the rule, when doing onsite annual maintenance at the project, the confined space rescue trailer is onsite and a team of around 10 people are at the plant if needed during maintenance. Mr. Chalmers advises that their confined space rescue team receives annual refresher training. Mr. Chalmers stated that there is no suppression system in the control room of the powerhouse and TPU does not have anything onsite for electrical fires. Chief advised TPU on lack of communication ability inside the dam and suggested upgrades that work inside cement walls. Chad stated he will look into that and is not sure if they have any currently.

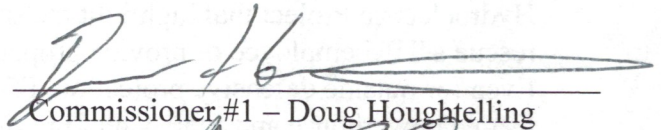
Ms. Rogge states she recognizes the cost of servicing the Hydroelectric Project and all the other TPU properties, including a park, within the fire district and that TPU intends to pay for services

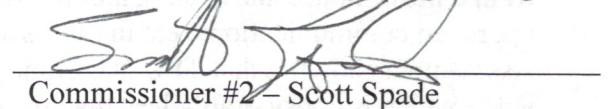
at a fair price. Ms. Rogge asked what the impact of TPU properties has been on the district in the past 5 years. Chief responded that is a difficult answer to find as it would mean deciphering every call whether it was on a TPU parcel or not. The district has no easy report or way to do this out of an avg of 350 incidents per year and the reporting party of an incident could be anyone due to TPU having a public park in the district and TPU property that Ike Kinswa State Park has housing on. Ms. Rogge asked the Board if the district had the necessary equipment and supplies to provide services, are there other entities that would benefit from it or that require it within the fire district? If so, can they share the cost? Chief responded that the supplies and equipment listed are specific to the hydroelectric project needs and the district does not have any other need for those items. Ms. Rogge suggested TPU help to provided training, radio communications & a clear expectation of services.

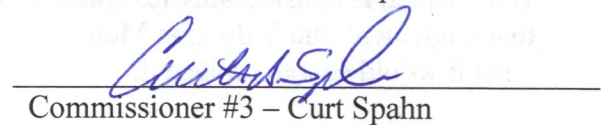
Commissioner Scott advised that the district would like to find a different way to account for an increase each year as in the past, the district has been unable to match the TPU payment to the increase of the CPI-U as listed in the contract. Mr. Sullivan stated he can go through his process later to explain the data he is calculating the payment with.

Good of the Order: None.

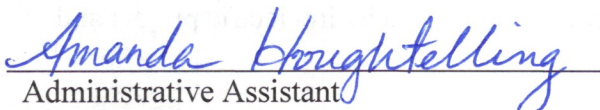
Meeting adjourned: With no other business presented, Commissioner Spade adjourned the meeting at 1200 hrs. These are the minutes of March 9th, 2026 Lewis County Fire District #3 meeting, hereby approved as written on this 25th day of March, 2026.


Commissioner #1 – Doug Houghtelling


Commissioner #2 – Scott Spade

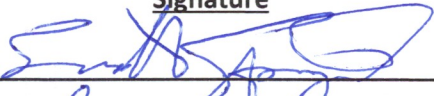

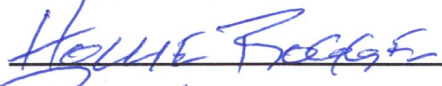

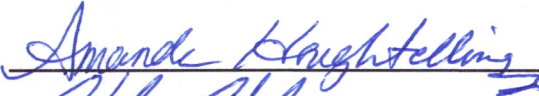

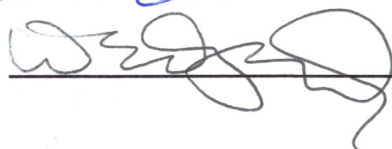

Commissioner #3 – Curt Spahn

Prepared by:


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Sign In Sheet

	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Print</u>
1.		SCOTT SPADE
2.		CURTIS SPADE
3.		Hollie Rogge
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5.		Amanda Houghtelling
6.		Chad Chalmers
7.		William Edgington
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