

Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 6

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MINUTES FROM March 11, 2026

Commissioners Guthrie and Commissioner Larson met at the Monitor Fire Station. Commissioner Schmitt was absent. Also in attendance were Chief Lee, Amanda Floren, Kip Higdon and Steven Spies. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Guthrie at 7:00 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the revised March Consent Agenda items; amended February 11, 2026, Meeting minutes, was made by Commissioner Larson and seconded by Commissioner Guthrie. Motion passed.

Financials \$451,652.03

Payroll \$19,587.67

VOUCHERS

A motion to approve the March Vouchers was made by Commissioner Larson and seconded by Commissioner Guthrie. Motion passed.

Vouchers \$40,042.03

Voucher No.	Vendor	Amount
4689	LocalTel	456.22
4690	Waste Management	133.92
4691	RiverCom	827.17
4692	PUD	1,031.97
4693	Kelley Create – March	148.67
4694	YardWorks	542.00
4695	Napa Auto Parts	30.57
4696	Visa	1,852.77
4697	Greater Wenatchee EMS Council	635.00
4698	Chris Higdon – Reimbursement	6.07
4699	Haglund’s Trophies	55.32
4700	Coleman Oil	664.91
4701	Wenatchee Petroleum Company	676.94
4702	WSDOT	215.70
4703	Chelan County – Elections	25,532.40
4704	Timberline Towing	650.40
4705	Jonah Tall – Wildland Boot Reimbursement	300.00
4706	Void	0
4707	Resource Solutions LLC	5,500.00
4708	Snure Law Office	432.00

4709	Region 6 Training Council – 2026 Dues	200.00
4710	NCW Fire Chief’s Association – 2026 Dues	150.00
	Total	\$40,042.03

FIRE STATION DISCUSSIONS

Chief Lee has initiated discussions regarding the updating of station doors at Dryden Station and is presently awaiting feedback from the Engineer. The district must modify the stations to ensure they can accommodate new trucks, in compliance with insurance requirements, mandating that vehicles be stored in a heated facility. Additionally, there is consideration for constructing a decontamination building on the Dryden property, featuring two bays to support the storage of the new trucks.

The commissioners discussed preliminary preparations for any construction at Dryden property, including requirements such as soil testing, submitting a PUD application for water and sewer services, and reviewing zoning regulations. The conversation also covered whether reverting to a single parcel through a boundary line adjustment would be beneficial, or if maintaining two parcels would enhance property value. Chief Lee requested that all station properties be resurveyed to verify the existing boundary lines.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

Chief Lee distributed the March Financial Analysis prepared by Dwight Remick to Commissioners for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Guthrie continues efforts to reach out to Washington State Local Programs in order to investigate potential funding opportunities they might offer.

The commissioners deferred consideration of the draft Procurement Policy until the meeting next month.

Deputy Chief Spies briefed Commissioners on Lexipol policy updates, and Commissioners recommended consulting Snure Law for legal guidance on required policies.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Lee let the Board know that Jim Nelson, a bond writer, had provided Michelle with information about current bonds.

Chief Lee submitted a grant request with Representative Kim Schrier, including an application and two support letters.

Chiefs Report:

Chief Lee notified the Board of his intention to establish dedicated budget line items for grant funding.

Chief Lee informed the Board that he is evaluating Pierce Responders as a potential option for the new trucks and anticipates receiving firm pricing by Friday. Commissioner Larson made a motion to authorize Chief Lee to purchase Interface Engines using grant funds via the Sourcewell contract for up to \$1.5 million. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chief Lee informed the Board that GMC would build the command vehicles. Commissioner Larson made a motion to allow Chief Lee to buy and equip two command vehicles under the Sourcewell contract for up to \$200,000. Commissioner Guthrie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chief Lee informed the Board about the MRE recall, citing reports of chemicals detected in the meals.

Chief Lee informed the Board that all stations now have defibrillators, and buying two more will equip every truck in the fleet.

Chief Lee informed the Board that one vendor had demonstrated extrication tools, and another vendor was interested in showcasing their own equipment as well.

Chief Lee informed the Board he also had vendors coming to demonstrate bunker gear as well.

Chief Lee proposed hiring two summer crews for the possibility of continuous 24/7 coverage.

Chief Lee informed the Board the District had an average of 50 calls a month for EMS services.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.