

Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 6

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MINUTES FROM April 8, 2026

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda items was made by Commissioner Larson and seconded by Commissioner Schmitten. Motion passed.

Financials \$588,904.24

Payroll \$19,748.67

VOUCHERS

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

Vouchers \$38,837.61

Voucher No.	Vendor	Amount
4710	LocalTel	461.26
4711	Waste Management	133.92
4712	RiverCom	827.17
4713	PUD	890.36
4714	Kelley Create – March	188.99
4715	Upper Valley Excavating	678.04
4716	Napa Auto Parts	34.57
4717	Visa	2,538.85
4718	Les Schwab	2,038.70
4719	Dougs Diesel Repair Inc	1,697.79
4720	Haglund's Trophies	132.30
4721	Coleman Oil	1,275.16
4722	Wenatchee Petroleum Company	477.54
4723	MES	365.12
4724	Chelan County Treasurer – Taxes	1,411.41
4725	Cliffords Hardware Inc	39.83
4726	W L Construction Supply Inc	419.00
4727	Silke Communications	15,818.61
4728	Resource Solutions LLC	5,500.00
4729	Snure Law Office	288.00

4730	Dept of Natural Resources	3,315.41
4731	Dept of L&I – 1 st Qtr	305.58
	Total	\$38,837.61

Dwight Remick presented the April 2026 Financial Analysis to Commissioners for review.

FIRE STATION DISCUSSIONS

Chief Lee updated the Commissioners on his Direct Appropriations funding request through Kim Schrier’s office. The funds would support a wildfire cache and bulldozer project. Letters of support were submitted, and Chief Lee also received a personal call from Kim. The same funding application was submitted to Cantwell’s office, but no response has been received. The District is among the top 10 candidates for the funding through Kim Schrier and expects to learn by September 2026 whether it will receive an award.

Chief Lee also updated the Commissioners on USDA Rural funding for new fire engines. Approximately 30 to 45 days remain in the process. The District must ensure the funds are formally obligated before any spending occurs.

Chief Lee also updated the Commissioners on a FEMA grant application for new fire hoses. He stated the requested funding amount is between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

The Commissioners discussed the New Fire Station Project with Michelle, including the process and potential funding options. Michelle provided a handout outlining the district’s assessed valuation history and a calculation of the legal debt limit. The discussion also included bond information.

Chief Lee met with engineers to discuss possible garage door modifications needed to accommodate the new fire engines. The engineers said the Monitor Fire Station would be the easiest to modify and could gain an additional 6 inches of clearance. Changes at Dryden Station would be more complex and would require a steel frame. The Commissioners asked Chief Lee to obtain cost estimates and a timeline and discussed completing one door this year and the other next year. The Peshastin Fire Station could not be modified, and further discussion with engineers is needed regarding the Blewett Pass Station because of the wings and snow slides.

Kip Higdon updated the Commissioners on a quote for a new roof at Dryden Station. He said the quote was very expensive and recommended that the District complete patch repairs in-house.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Lee presented the BOVFF participation agreement to the Commissioners, and Commissioner Guthrie signed it.

Chief Lee informed the Commissioners of incoming funds, including a \$2,00.22 DNR reimbursement for wildfires, a \$10,84.92 DNR reimbursement, a \$36,337.56 DNR reimbursement, and a \$965.00 pass-through payment from DOH.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commissioners deferred consideration of the draft Procurement Policy until next month's meeting and requested that federal funds be added to the policy.

Chief Lee provided the Commissioners with a packet on Pierce Responder trucks, including information on custom builds, specifications, pricing, and warranty options. He stated that he would like to purchase two trucks through the Sourcewell contract for \$1,435,000.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Lee discussed annexation of the Fosters' property in Olalla Canyon and will post a petition. The Commissioners scheduled a public hearing for the next regular meeting. Commissioner Larson moved to set the hearing, Commissioner Schmitten seconded, and the motion passed.

Chief Lee proposed a cancer screening service for Commissioners, staff, and volunteers. He provided information about OneTest and will schedule a presentation.

Chief Lee discussed a proposed Summer Crew schedule of four days on and four days off, with two crews providing seven-day coverage. Team 2 will need to begin May 30. Andy has received six interested applicants. The Commissioners agreed to move forward with two Summer Crew teams.

Chiefs Report:

Chief Lee informed the Board of two letters of support for new chiefs at WVFD and Fire District 3.

Chief Lee informed the Board that the District responded to 52 calls in March.

Chief Lee informed the Board that Cascade PBA requested use of District personnel and equipment, but the request was denied due to liability concerns.

Chief Lee informed the Board that Tender 60 is in the shop because the walking beams on both sides of the vehicle had rotted out.

Chief Lee informed the Board that he was working with Andy Woods on a new email system and antivirus software.

Chief Lee informed the Board that he was obtaining insurance for the Dryden property and the four-wheeler. He also said the District may be underinsured for its contents.

Chief Lee requested approval to purchase deck systems with drawers for Steven's truck.

Commissioner Schmitten made a motion to approve the purchase, Commissioner Larson seconded, and the motion passed.

Chief Lee also requested approval to purchase Starlink for the trucks, which would require a monthly subscription.

Commissioner Larson made a motion to approve the purchase of a computer and supplies for Dwight Remick, Investment Officer; a Salary Increase to \$1,500 per month for Amand Floren, Administrative Assistant; and a monthly stipend increase to \$500 for Kip Higdon, Vol Maintenance Lieutenant. Commissioner Schmitten seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.