

Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 6

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MINUTES FROM February 11, 2026

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the February Consent Agenda items was made by Commissioner Schmitten and seconded by Commissioner Guthrie.

Financials \$546,058.49

Payroll \$19,748.67

VOUCHERS

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

Vouchers \$32,373.68

Voucher No.	Vendor	Amount
4666	LocalTel	459.22
4667	Waste Management	144.53
4668	RiverCom	827.17
4669	PUD	1,151.34
4670	Kelley Create – February	148.67
4671	WFCA	210.00
4672	Napa Auto Parts	121.33
4673	Visa	1,875.46
4674	Heartsmart	9,344.56
4675	Chris Higdon – Reimbursement	61.34
4676	Steven Spies – Reimbursement	36.24
4677	Coleman Oil	938.87
4678	Wenatchee Petroleum Company	495.65
4679	WSDOT	151.01
4680	Chelan County – Dryden Transfer Station	30.00
4681	Cascade Mechanical – Heating & Air	130.08
4682	WA State Auditor	1,105.23
4683	Plumbco Inc	7,027.91
4684	Resource Solutions LLC	2,000.00
4685	Upper Valley Excavating	102.98
4686	Dept of Natural Resources	5,214.58

4687	Employment Security Dept – WPFML 4 th Qtr	423.87
4688	Employment Security Dept – CARES 4 th Qtr	373.64
	Total	\$32,373.68

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Guthrie moved to enter executive session at 7:12 PM for a duration of five minutes to discuss Personnel Issues. The Commissioners reconvened in open public session at 7:17 PM. No decisions were made.

FIRE STATION DISCUSSIONS

Chief Lee recommended adapting existing stations to accommodate new engines, noting that modifying trucks is no longer preferable due to the current \$2,000 cost per truck. Commissioners suggested hiring an engineer to assess changes at two stations and review ambulance fitting options.

Chief Lee held a meeting with Michelle Mazzola to discuss the current bond proposal. Chief Lee advised against proceeding with the bond at this time, and Michelle concurred. Michelle recommended exploring local program financing options through the Washington State Department of State Treasurer. She also recommended keeping the outreach committee to highlight the District’s progress in equipment, facilities, and personnel during the year.

Commissioner Larson will send a letter to Representative Kieth Goehner and coordinate with Michelle to obtain the Congressional Funding letter template.

The commissioners agreed to delay going out to Bond.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Email from Chelan County Treasurer: received \$6,282.94 from WSDOT reimbursement.

Dwight Remick presented the February Financial Analysis and a draft Procurement Policy to Commissioners for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Lee advised the Commissioners that LWFPD expressed interest in establishing a regional maintenance facility accessible to the districts. Fire District 3 has proposed utilizing Kelly’s shop located in Leavenworth for this purpose.

Chief Lee initiated a conversation about increasing Volunteer Stipends, suggesting a raise to \$15 per point and establishing a minimum points threshold. There was also interest in offering a higher stipend for EMT-related points.

Chief Lee provided the Board with an update regarding the Volunteer Association's revision of their Bylaws. The revised Bylaws will be presented to the Commissioners for their review.

Commissioner Guthrie and Deputy Chief Spies met with Lexipol representatives, who presented a comprehensive package for drafting and updating District Policies, as well as several smaller options and an annual subscription service. Commissioner Phil will attend the upcoming Snure conference in May and offered to address any policy-related questions during the event.

Commissioners outlined their visions for the District: Larson supports progress on a new station, ongoing repairs, purchasing new gear, hiring staff, and prioritizing safety; Schmitten emphasizes fiscal responsibility, maintaining existing assets, and moving forward with a new station; Guthrie advocates for a new station and satellite stations, paid staff, expanded training facilities, and continuous advancement.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Lee advised the Commissioners that surplus firefighting gear could be donated to the Wenatchee Tech Center. Commissioner Schmitten moved to approve resolution 2026-01 for the surplus of gear and equipment. Commissioner Larson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chiefs Report:

Chief Lee informed the Board that he must complete three grants for 2025.

Chief Lee advised the Board that constructing a pole building for equipment storage may be feasible, with an estimated cost of approximately \$2 million.

Chief Lee notified the Board that the Volunteer Association needs to remove its current logo and design a new one that does not resemble the District's logo.

Chief Lee informed the Board that five volunteers were participating in the EMT class this year.

Chief Lee informed the Board of his interest in acquiring Interface Trucks for the District. He noted that the current lead time with SeaWestern is five years. He suggested collaborating with Cashmere Fire, as they have prior experience building such a truck.

Chief Lee notified the Board that he had placed an order for bed cots as part of a staffing request to equip the stations.

Chief Lee advised resurveying all station properties for District records.

Chief Lee told the Board that interagency cooperative meetings would be starting soon.

Chief Lee reminded the Board about PDC filings.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.