

Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 6

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MINUTES FROM

July 8, 2026 Regular Meeting

Commissioners Phil Guthrie and Tim Larson met at the Monitor Fire Station. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Andy Lee, Deputy Fire Chief Steven Spies, and Dwight Remick. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Commissioner Guthrie.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the July Consent Agenda items excluding the financial review items was made by Commissioner Larson and seconded by Commissioner Guthrie. Motion passed

June 10, 2026 meeting minutes

Financials still not available due to County network issues

Payroll \$35,241.17

VOUCHERS

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

Vouchers \$220,867.88

Voucher No.	Vendor	Amount
4774	LocalTel	455.61
4775	Waste Management	133.92
4776	RiverCom	827.17
4777	PUD	716.61
4778	Kelley Create – July	148.67
4779	Chris Higdon – Reimbursement	11.37
4780	Napa Auto Parts	319.55
4781	Visa	5,821.64
4782	LN Curtis & Sons	8,605.54
4783	Les Schwab	6,256.56
4784	Resource Solutions	5,500.00
4785	Diane Yonaka – Reimbursement	52.61
4786	Wenatchee Petroleum Company	1,999.60
4787	Andy Woods – Reimbursements	285.75
4788	Heartsmart	8,003.11
4789	YardWorks	1,300.80
4790	City of Cashmere – EMS 1 st half	8,974.50
4791	Decked LLC	3,716.18
4792	MES Service Company LLC	147,296.36
4793	Sirennet.com	20,442.33
	Total	\$220,867.88

A motion to pre-approve a special voucher to Bud Cleary Auto Group not to exceed \$130,000.00 for the payment of two new command vehicles after they are received, was made by Commissioner Larson and seconded by Commissioner Guthrie. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of the Office Rental Agreement with McDougall & Sons was tabled as the final agreement has not been received.

FIRE STATIONS: NEEDS / PLANNING / REPAIR DISCUSSIONS

Chief Lee shared that he is still working with local contractors and vendors for the potential door replacement for the Dryden station.

Commissioner Guthrie provided copies of the blueprints, and shared photos of the Decontamination facility in Belgrade, Montana that was visited this spring. Commissioner Guthrie indicated that the design was adequate but that it might be more functional if it was a little wider.

As a result of the discussion about the Decon facility and related equipment, Commissioner Larson suggested that Chief Lee research the possibility of acquiring a specialized power washer to be used for decontamination of equipment and gear at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chief Lee provided copies of a letter received from the District's insurance carrier, Enduris Washington, that described changes in coverage and program highlights for the policy renewal that will take effect on September 1st. The target base rate change is projected to be -5% to +5% across all coverages.

OLD BUSINESS

Dwight indicated that he had not completed his research of how other Fire Districts in the area are structured to be able to respond to purchasing requirements and timelines to better meet the District's needs.

Chief Lee provided draft copies of 'Standard Operation Procedures' covering the following subjects:

- Volunteer Attendance & Participation Standards
- Exclusive Agency Representation & Apparel Standards
- Public Records & Social Media
- Personnel Code of Conduct
- Anti-Harassment & Derogatory Communication

Questions and concerns regarding the Cyber-attack on the County were discussed. When the administrative office is relocated, special attention regarding network safeguards will be addressed and upgrades as needed will be implemented.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Lee described the process the Chiefs Association was using to update the interlocal agreement that the Association operates by. A copy of the final agreement will be presented to the Commissioners when it is completed.

Chief Lee requested that the Commissioners extend the same authority provided to Mandie to pay small local invoices that are received after the normal monthly meeting to Dwight. Commissioner Guthrie so moved and Commissioner Larson seconded. Motion carried.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The District responded to 86 calls in the month of June. As of the meeting time, 30 calls had already been responded to in July, including competing emergency calls during the Lake Chelan Hills fire.

Equipment and accessories for the new command vehicles have been ordered and are being delivered.

Extrication equipment has been received and installed in appropriate vehicles.

KNOX boxes are being installed at BlueBird and HyUp facilities.

Chief Lee has met John Perry, the Fire Chief for Wenatchee Valley Fire Department.

Chief Lee also had the opportunity to meet with and discuss opportunities for joint support with Whitney Machado, the new Chelan PUD Fire Safety Officer.

Chief Lee met with Cashmere Mayor for initial discussions regarding the upcoming negotiations with the City for the renewal of the interlocal agreement for EMS joint services.

A new fire pumper has been purchased and is here. The new portable pumps worked well on the recent fire and are much lighter and easier to operate.

NEXT MEETING

August 12, 2026 at the Monitor Fire Station or Administrative Office if available.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Larson and seconded by Commissioner Guthrie. The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Guthrie at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Dwight P. Remick, Administrative Assistant

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