Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 6

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MINUTES FROM
January 14, 2026

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

Commissioner Larson joined the meeting via phone call.

CONSENT AGENDA
A motion to approve the November meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Schmitten and seconded by Commissioner Larson. Motion passed.

Commissioner Larson exited meeting via phone call.

A motion to approve the January Consent Agenda items and December amended meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Schmitten and seconded by Commissioner Guthrie.
Financials $542,404.92
Payroll $19,748.67

VOUCHERS
A motion to approve the January Vouchers was made by Commissioner Schmitten and seconded by Commissioner Guthrie. Motion passed.
Vouchers $38,465.09

Voucher No.	Vendor	Amount
4640	LocalTel	444.77
4641	Waste Management	126.92
4642	RiverCom	827.17
4643	PUD	1,027.78
4644	Kelley Create – January	148.67
4645	Kelley Create	37.67
4646	Napa Auto Parts	113.99
4647	Visa	2,353.06
4648	Heartsmart	2,094.63
4649	Garret Higdon – Reimbursement	65.07
4650	First Due	6,146.28
4651	Coleman Oil	482.67
4652	Wenatchee Petroleum	528.46
4653	WSDOT	77.70
4654	Snure Law Office PSC	180.00
4655	Dougs Diesel Repair	5,304.45
4656	WA State Auditor	1,947.40
4657	Door-Tech Inc	597.29
4658	Resource Solutions LLC	2,000.00

4659	Upper Valley Excavating	226.01
4660	WFCA	2,500.00
4661	Marson and Marson Lumber	120.97
4662	Dept of Natural Resources	2,691.45
4663	SeaWestern Emergency Vehicles	2,602.68
4664	Board for Volunteer Firefighters	5,820.00
	Total	**$38,465.09**

Dwight Remick presented the 2025 Cash Flow Analysis to the Commissioners.

Michelle Mazzola addressed Fire Station needs, bonding options, and proposed forming a Citizen Committee to engage the community. The group discussed listing firefighter needs and possible options for a new station. Commissioner Guthrie recommended touring the new Rock Island station for ideas.

CORRESPONDENCE

- $500 donation from Gun Club

OLD BUSINESS

Engine 63 is repaired and operational.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Lee proposed raising stipends for Volunteer Firefighters, noting that the current rate has been $10 per point since 2012 or 2013. One option discussed was offering certified EMTs a higher rate as an incentive. The Commissioners expressed interest in beginning these discussions.

Chief Lee plans to work with Lexipol on policy updates, with commissioner support.

The District had 783 calls in 2025.

Commissioners approved Chief Lee's leave record.

Chief Lee received a $9,000 quote for testing all hoses and portable pumps.

Chiefs Report:

Chief Lee briefed the Board about discussions regarding a regional county facility staffed with mechanics to service District vehicles. He also proposed involving school districts in this initiative. Additionally, there is a potential for hiring a Radio Technician, with Rivercom covering expenses for radio installations.

Chief Lee informed the Board that Engine 62's door was repaired after wind damaged its hinges.

Chief Lee informed the Board that the District has obtained the Federal Quad on loan. The District must adopt ATV training, secure insurance, and obtain a federal license for it.

Chief Lee told the Board that Officer Academy begins January 25th.

Chief Lee said the District should set a donation threshold. The State Auditor advised accepting donations by resolution and recording them in the minutes.

Chief Lee stated that the District must keep Fuel Tracking Paperwork in the trucks as requested by the State Auditor.

Chief Lee received a $6,000 quote from Plumb Co to reroute Station 62's roof drains in Dryden. Commissioner Gutherie moved to accept the bid. Commissioner Schmitten seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chief Lee informed the Board that resignation letters were sent to volunteers who have not been attending. The deadline to return forms, if they wish to continue volunteering, is February 1st. Chief Lee informed the Board that the Volunteer Association is revising its bylaws.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Cordell Lak, who serves as a volunteer firefighter and is also a taxpayer, raised concerns regarding the proposing of a bond or another levy at this time. He recommended additional community outreach and suggested evaluating other options, including loans, regional construction projects, or non-voter bonds.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.