



# East County Fire and Rescue

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## Regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

February 18, 2025

Station 91

6:30 PM

Approved Minutes

### Attendance

Martha Martin

Steve Hofmaster

Brendan Addis

Mike Taggart

Debbie Macias

Assistant Chief Jacobs

Joshua Seeds

Chief Steve Black

Chief Ed Hartin

### Call to Order

Chairperson Joshua Seeds called the meeting to order at 18:30. This meeting was conducted in hybrid in-person/video conference format.

### Flag Salute

Chief Hartin led the flag salute.

### Agenda Adjustments

#### Consent Agenda

- Approval of February 04, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of February 04, 2025 Local BVFR&RO Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of February 06, 2025 Commissioner Staff Workshop Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of Financial Transactions.
- Excuse absent Commissioner(s).

Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Martin.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### Public Input

No Comments.

### Correspondence

None.

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### Staff Reports

1. Chief Black's report is in the meeting packet.
2. Assistant Chief Jacobs gave his report; a copy is in the meeting packet.
3. Assistant Chief Jacobs reported that per the safety committee there was no accident/incident since the last board meeting.

### Fire District Business

1. Deputy Chief Process – Chief Black shared how the assessment process went and what the outcome was. Chief Hartin shared that we need to put the ad out again and gave direction on how that would go. Discussion ensued.
2. Lease between ECFR and DNR – Discussed that the lease will need to be signed by the Chair and it needs to be notarized.

### Committee Meetings

1. Communication with neighboring elected officials.
  - City of Camas – February 24, 2025 3:00 PM Camas City Hall.
  - City of Washougal – February 27, 2025 11:00 AM at City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Risk Group, April 03, 2025 at 8:00 AM.
3. East County Ambulance Advisory Board (ECAAB), TBA.
4. Safety Meeting in March 27, 2025 at Station 91 at 7:30 PM.

### Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Martin asked the question of how the federal freeze on grant funds would affect us. Discussion ensued. She also said she noticed how busy our firefighters were over the weekend during the storm. Lastly, she said that there is a lot of push back in Camas/Washougal regarding the RFA.

Commissioner Taggart mentioned that with all of the lay-offs in government agencies there could be some senior people looking for employment and that it might help with our search for Deputy Chief.

Commissioner Seeds mentioned he is interested to see what will happen with the federal grants. He shared that he and Commissioner Addis were invited by the local to attend fire day in Boise Idaho. He asked the board if it would be ok if the district paid for the travel and per diem for one or both to go. They agreed that the district should pay for them so that there is no conflict of interest if the IAFF were to pay.

### Public Input

No comments.

### Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers

Request Approval for Volunteer Firefighters Physical Exam Reimbursement - See BVFF minutes.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Review of the district's monthly event calendar.
- Regular Board meeting will be March 04, 2025 Station 91 at 6:30 pm. – Hybrid format.
- Commissioner Staff Workshop Meeting March 06, 2025 Station 91 at 3:00 pm. – Hybrid format.

Both the strategic planning workshop and regular board meeting will be in hybrid format permitting in-person or video conference participation. The link for video conference participation is provided on the district's website. ([www.ecfr.us](http://www.ecfr.us)).

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Taggart to adjourn at 19:06, seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster. Motion passed unanimously.

  
Joshua Seeds, Chairperson

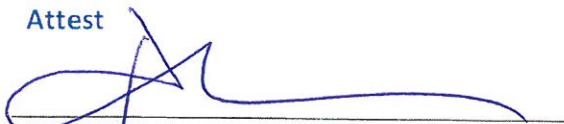
  
Martha Martin, Commissioner

  
Brendan Addis, Commissioner

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Michael Taggart, Vice Chair

  
Steve Hofmaster, Commissioner

Attest

  
Debbie Macias, District Secretary  
Steven Black, Chief (Alternate)

