

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 8

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Meeting of May 14th, 2026

Present:

Commissioner Jim Kennedy

Commissioner Lance Ford

Commissioner Jon LaCount

Secretary Stephanie Robbins

Chief Josh Carpenter

Guests- None

Commissioner Kennedy at 6:00pm, followed by the flag salute.

Correspondence- None

Consent Agenda: Commissioner LaCount motioned to approve the following consent agenda items, minutes from April regular and special meeting, County report, financial report, and bank statements; seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, motion carried.

Commissioner Kennedy motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$46,823.58, and monthly payroll/payroll costs in the amount of \$29,886.04; seconded by Commissioner LaCount, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Land/SEPA Update- The SEPA is complete and ready for submission to the County.

Liz Loomis- Commissioner Ford continues to work with the Liz Loomis team on media, newsletter and post card releases.

Levy Lift- Stephanie filed all paperwork to the Skagit County Elections office regarding the August ballot measure.

Employee compensation- Overtime policy and budget for daytime crew on going. Volunteer call participation continues to be a concern, some discussion regarding how to get more response. Chief Carpenter would like to explore volunteer on call shifts for nights and weekends.

New position- Possible Assistant Chief/Training Officer/Battalion Chief) job description and compensation process is ongoing.

Apparatus- Some discussion regarding engine purchase Chief Carpenter and the firefighters have been researching available engines for purchase. Chief Carpenter found a 2026 Fouts Fire Pumper for \$709,960.00 plus applicable tax and licensing this Engine meets the needs of the District with very few modifications and some upfitting.

Commissioner LaCount motioned to move forward with the purchase of the 2026 Fouts Fire Pumper in the amount of \$709,960.00 plus applicable tax and licensing and \$80,000 in modifications/upfitting; seconded by Commissioner Ford, motion carried.

Commissioner LaCount motioned to approve Resolution 6-2026 Authorizing the purchase of one Fouts Fire Pumper as part of Sourcewell; seconded by Commissioner Ford, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-

Washington State Auditors office 2023-2025 Accountability Audit- Stephanie will be working with the Washington State Auditor's office over the next few weeks to complete the 2023-2025 Accountability Audit.

Chiefs Report- Present by Chief Carpenter.

Public Comment- None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 11th day of June 2026.

Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters

BVFF meeting called to order by Commissioner Kennedy at 7:28pm

Commissioner Kennedy motioned to approve invoice vouchers for reimbursement of employee physicals; seconded by Commissioner Ford, motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.