

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 8

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Meeting of September 12th, 2024

Present:

Commissioner Jim Kennedy
Commissioner Jon LaCount
Commissioner Lance Ford

Secretary Stephanie Robbins
Chief Josh Carpenter

Regular meeting called to order by Commissioner Kennedy at 6:00pm, followed by the flag salute.

Correspondence- Note of thanks to Chief Carpenter, Chief Coffel and all the personnel from District 8 & 10 that responded to the Lyman house Fire, from Mike Don with the Mount Vernon Police Department.

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

Commissioner Kennedy motioned to accounts payable in the amount of \$21,515.82, monthly payroll/payroll costs in the amount of \$19,347.70; seconded by Commissioner LaCount, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Sedro-Woolley Agreement- Continued discussion regarding the agreement with the City of Sedro-Woolley. The Chief and Commissioners have come with some points of discussion for negotiation and commissioner Kennedy will reach out to the City to schedule a meeting in the near future.

Personnel- Chief Carpenter reported that applicant Chris Chapman meets all the district requirements and will be a perfect fit for the district, he plans on offering Chris the full-time firefighter position.

Apparatus- Chief Carpenter reported that the new battalion rig is going in for decals and radio installation soon. Chief Carpenter stated that another fire District may be interested in the Ford F-250 Pick-up that the district is going to surplus. Chief presented some information for pricing from like models/years/mileage ect.... Commissioner LaCount motioned to set the value of the pick-up at \$28,000, Seconded by Commissioner Kennedy; motion carried. Some discussion regarding future apparatus needs of the district and refurbishing trucks verse purchase. This discussion will continue in long range planning for the district.

NEW BUSINESS-

Minkler Rd BESS- There is proposed Battery Energy Farm to be built on Minkler Rd in the District. The community strongly opposed this facility. The Skagit County Commissioners have gone on record that they are opposed to this facility but because this is considered green energy it gets approved at the State level rather than County level. Skagit Fire District 8 commissioners are aware of the proposed facility.

Chiefs Report- Was previously emailed to the board and is filed with the minutes.

Public Comment- None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 10th day of October 2024.