

# SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 8

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Meeting of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

---

Present:

Commissioner Jim Kennedy

Commissioner Lance Ford

Commissioner Jon LaCount

Secretary Stephanie Robbins

Chief Josh Carpenter

Guests- Amber Rooks

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 February regular meeting, County report, financial report, and bank statements; seconded by Commissioner Ford, motion carried.

Commissioner Kennedy motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$25,581.33, and monthly payroll/payroll costs in the amount of \$29,947.27; seconded by Commissioner LaCount, motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*Land Update-* The district continues to work through the steps to complete the SEPA, the conceptual drawings of the proposed fire station are in the works.

*Liz Loomis-* Commissioner Ford, gave an update on the committee workshops. Some discussion on who is responsible for sending out the media releases and to whom. Commissioner Ford will check with Liz's team and confirm.

*Levy Lift-* Some discussion regarding going out to the voters to re-establish the districts Levy rate to \$1.25 at the August election. Commissioner Ford motioned to move forward with adding the proposition to the August ballot at \$1.25, seconded by Commissioner LaCount, motion carried.

*Surplus update-* The generator has been sold. Commissioner Ford would like to make the board aware that the Grantsville Fire Department, that recently purchased our Fire Engine, is frustrated because some of the valves on the engine froze in transport and need to be repaired. Some discussion regarding liability, fault and what is the right thing to do in this situation. Commissioner LaCount motioned to approve up to \$8000 dollars in reimbursement for the repairs with the understanding that this is for the valve freezing issue and another items are not the Districts responsibility is accounts payable in the amount of \$25,581.33; seconded by Commissioner Ford, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

*Sedro-Woolley Agreement amendment-* The City of Sedro-Woolley prepared an amendment to the agreement regarding CPI increase; because of the government shutdown the Oct CPI was not available Sedro-Woolley would like to for one year use the August CPI. Commissioner Kennedy motioned to approve the agreement as presented; seconded by Commissioner Ford, motion carried.

*Sedro-Woolley-*The City of Sedro-Woolley is working on their two-year budget and inquired about district plans regarding the agreement going forward. The District does not have a clear plan beyond the current agreement currently.

Property adjacent to Prairie station- Commissioner LaCount would like to open discussion regarding selling the parcel adjacent to the Prairie station. Some discussion no decision made. The District needs to investigate history of why the land was purchased and its value.

Chiefs Report- Present by Chief Carpenter.

Public Comment- None

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.

**APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.**