

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 8

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Meeting of July 9th, 2026

Present:

Commissioner Jim Kennedy

Commissioner Lance Ford

Commissioner Jon LaCount

Secretary Stephanie Robbins

Chief Josh Carpenter

Guests- Mike Rooks

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

Correspondence- E-mail from John Ruthford regarding the future of Skagit County Fire District #8

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

Commissioner Kennedy motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$71,214.76, and monthly payroll/payroll costs in the amount of \$36,138.11; seconded by Commissioner Ford, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Land/SEPA Update- Ravnik is waiting on a letter from the City of Sedro-Woolley, he will then file the SEPA with the County.

Liz Loomis- The Committee continues to work with the Liz Loomis team. Information continues to be released to the community. The District has a couple of Q & A events scheduled for July 21st @ 6pm and July 25th @ 9am. Chief Carpenter will present a slide show and answer any questions.

Employee compensation- Overtime policy and budget for daytime crew on going.

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

Apparatus- The Surplused Engine E-821 is listed on the auction site. The new engine is in the upfitting process and should be delivered in early August, Chief Carpenter took the radios down to True North and checked on the progress.

Washington State Auditor's office 2023-2025 Accountability Audit- Is ongoing the Auditors office had some delays on their end.

Town of Hamilton Annexation- Some discussion regarding the Town of Hamilton Annexation. Stephanie will reach out to District Attorney Brian Snure to have him write the annexation agreement and get guidance on the process.

NEW BUSINESS-

Resolution 12-2026 Adopting a Supplementary Budget Increase- Commissioner LaCount motioned to approve and sign Resolution 12-2026 Adopting a Supplementary Budget Increase in the amount of \$411,866 to account for the SCBA's; seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, motion carried

*Resolution 13-2026 Adopting the Skagit County Hazard Mitigation Plan-*Commissioner LaCount motioned to approve and sign Resolution 13-2026 Adopting the Skagit County Hazard Mitigation plan; seconded by Ford, motion carried

Chiefs Report- Present by Chief Carpenter. Chief Carpenter presented an estimate regarding station safety at the Prairie station including carbon/heat & smoke sensors along with window sensors. The Board requested a quote for all 3 stations.

Public Comment- None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 13th day of August 2026.