



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2024

Chairman Steve Fox called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. at 32905 Cascade View Dr. Station 51 and via Zoom video conferencing. Commissioner Fox, Commissioner Geiger and Commissioner Chase were present. Chief Johnson, Deputy Chief Fulcher and District Secretary, Cathy Barth, were present. Members of the public were in attendance.

Additions to Agenda - None

Public Comments – None

**Consent Agenda –
Agency Benefits for March 2024 – \$37,631.20**

A motion to approve the **March 2024 Agency Benefits \$37,631.20** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

Chief's Report – See Attached

Discussion was held regarding the UHF frequencies we currently possess, when they expire, construction timeline, and the fact that the District will not be in the next two phases of Sno911 VHF integration.

Also discussed was the Skagit Valley College updates to the agreement, student participation at present, and the potential for student participation in the future. Chief Johnson informed the Commissioners that the agreement updates are being considered by the College. There were no students interested at this participating at this time and it is possible that the District will see students in the future.

The subject of illegal bon fires on Dagger Lake Road, the big crowds, drunken drivers and fire danger to property in the area was discussed. Chief Johnson told the Commissioners that DNR and Law Enforcement are aware of the problem and working toward a solution, however it does not appear to be a priority. Commissioner Chase stated that she is being asked by neighbors what if anything is being done to correct the issue. Chief Johnson told Commissioner Chase to inform her neighbors to speak directly to law enforcement. This may have more of an impact. The Commissioners asked for an update when a plan is put in place.

Old Business –

Snohomish County Fire District 4 Letter to the Commissioners –

The Commissioners discussed the letter received by the Fire District 4 Commissioners. It was decided that no further action would be taken at this time. If a new communication is issued, they would then reevaluate the District's position.

Newsletter Discussion –

Chief Johnson presented the District newsletter to the Commissioners for review and input. Commissioner Chase added that it should be stated in the newsletter that the District sells address signs.

Commissioner Geiger suggested a QR code link to the address signs be added.

Commissioner Fox asked that the bullet points be left justified rather than centered on the document.



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Old Business – Continued

Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Agreement –

Chief Johnson presented the agreement to the Commissioners. He explained the need for a state-to-state emergency response agreement and stated that the term of the agreement is five years and renewable every five years after that.

A motion to authorize Chief Johnson to sign the agreement was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

Open Issues/Actions – No new actions were added.

A motion to drop closed items from the list that are five years or older at the time last visited, was made by Commissioner Chase, seconded by Commissioner Fox, and passed unanimously.

New Business – No new business.

Closed Session – per RCW 42.30.140 (4) (a) –

A motion to recess to Closed Session until 7:55 p.m. per RCW 42.30.140 (4) (a) for discussion of a collective bargaining was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously at 7:45 p.m. Commissioners Fox, Geiger, Chase, and Chief Johnson were present.

At 7:55 p.m.

Commissioner Geiger told those in attendance that the meeting would need to be extended for an additional five minutes. A motion to extend the Closed Session was made by Commissioner Geiger, seconded by Commissioner Fox, and passed unanimously.

The Closed Session resumed at 7:55 p.m.

The Closed Session adjourned at 8:00 p.m. No action was taken. The regular meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Commissioner Comments –

Commissioner Fox expressed appreciation to the staff for their continued hard work.

The Commissioners all stated their appreciation for the new format of the newsletter, stating they liked the simplicity of it.

Adjourn - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Cathy Barth
District Secretary