



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

June 24, 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 Chase, Chief Johnson, District Secretary, Cathy Barth, were present. Commissioner Geiger was in attendance via Zoom video conferencing. Members of the on duty staff were present.

Additions to Agenda – Chief Johnson asked that an annexation petition be added to the agenda. Commissioner Fox added the petition to New Business. Commissioner Fox added to Old Business a brief discussion about the District 4 Commissioner meeting he recently attended.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda –

Agency Benefits for June 2024 – \$42,636.63

A motion to approve **June 2024 Agency Benefits \$42,636.63**, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

Chief's Report – See Attached

Commissioner Geiger inquired if there was an update to the sign placement for the Smokey the Bear signs. Chief Johnson stated that he was unable to get that information together for this meeting. He has the potential sights mapped out and will bring the map to the next meeting.

Commissioner Chase inquired when the next quarterly newsletter would be mailed. Chief Johnson replied that he hopes to have it sent this week. Commissioner Chase suggested that a little blurb about fall prevention be added to the newsletter.

Old Business –

Open Issues/Actions – No new actions were added.

Discussion about District 4 Commissioners meeting - Commissioner Fox reviewed the reason as understood, by District 5 Commissioners, for the District 4 meetings. He commented that he could attend the District 4 meetings with no intention of speaking on behalf of the Commissioners or District. He would appear as a representative for our jurisdiction and offer information about what the Sno-Isle Commissioners Association can provide.

The Commissioners discussed concerns regarding operational versus legislative decisions and the avenues being taken by the group at the meetings. Chief Johnson stated that although the lines blur occasionally they are being redirected and set on the correct path.

The Commissioners felt that preparation of an agenda for better meeting structure would be helpful and provide a better avenue for Commissioner participation.

New Business –

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Forestland Response Agreement

A motion to authorize the District's participation in the agreement and delegate Chief Johnson to sign the agreement was made by Commissioner Chase, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.



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New Business –

PO# 2024-3387 – Kitsap Tractor & Equipment

Chief Johnson shared the reason for the purchase and information about the tractor mower with the Commissioners.

A motion to approve **PO# 2024-3387** for **Tractor/Mower with attachments** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

PO# 2024-3390 – U.S. Fire Equipment LLC

Chief Johnson presented the Commissioners with information about the need for a replacement tank for Tender 51.

A motion to approve **PO# 2024-3390** for **Poly Tank for Tender 51** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

Annexation Petition from Lake Bronson – Chief Johnson shared with the Commissioners which parcels are petitioning for annexation plus the possible annexation of properties owned by the City, PUD, DNR and Mr. Barlow, a landowner in the vicinity. Also discussed were what lands would need to be annexed in to create a contiguous border within the Fire District response area.

The annexation petition was discussed. The Board assigned Chief Johnson to contact the above-mentioned parties regarding the annexation and the possibility of including them in the process.

Commissioner Comments –

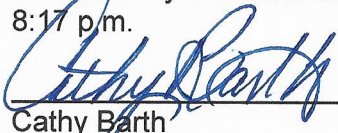
Commissioner Fox commented that this was a great meeting, several important issues were discussed and several things accomplished. Thank you to staff.

Commissioner Geiger thanked Firefighter/EMT Chris Shroy for his service.

He commented that he was proud of how the district is moving forward, the work being done and issues being tackled. He mentioned that he was pleased with the approach being taken with regard to the annexation process, and care being taken with the landowners, leaving them to their own choices. He added that he is proud of the staff.

Commissioner Chase reported that she recently had an opportunity to speak with a resident about their concerns living in River King Estates and not being in the Fire District borders. Commissioner Chase recognized this and stated that due to this, River King Estates is in a low priority response area and that usually means higher insurance rates for residents of that community as well. She suggested they speak to Chief Johnson if they have questions about annexation.

Adjourn - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.


Cathy Barth
District Secretary

Chiefs Report to the Board of Commissioners

June 24th, 2024

General

- As I mentioned during the last meeting regarding the availability of property off Woods Lake Road, this Wednesday I will be meeting a DNR rep on site to walk the property. It has been determined that the easement required for access is a 60' unrestricted easement.
- The leave at home Narcan program is now live, and all providers have been trained on the program.

Apparatus

- Parts are ordered for E51, with a 2-week production lead time. Return to service estimated by the end of July.

Reiner Road/298th Annexation

- Still waiting for the legal description.

SCFD4 Commissioners Meeting

- As assigned, I have been attending the joint Fire Commissioner meetings hosted by SCFD4. The discussions have been legislative in nature, and focused on how the attending agencies can work together to reduce legislative red tape, pool our purchasing power, and provide for continuity amongst the fire commissioners across election results. Topics of discussion included:
 - Planning for future growth using artificial intelligence tools,
 - Lobbying for reduced red-tape when permitting a new fire station,
 - Sharing reserve apparatus in a pool,
 - Discuss ways to address the funding mechanisms allowed in the state,
 - Coordinating the timing of levies and coordinating public messaging,
 - Pooling resources and creating a health cooperative.
- I will continue to attend these meetings at the direction of the Board, but it may be beneficial to assign one or more SCFD5 Fire Commissioner to attend as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Johnson
Chief, Snohomish County Fire District 5