



## Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

*July 22, 2024*

Vice Chair Geiger 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 Chase, Chief Johnson, and District Secretary, Cathy Barth, were present. Commissioner Fox attended remotely. Members of the public were in attendance.

**Additions to Agenda - None**

**Public Comments – None**

**Chief's Report – See Attached**

Commissioner Fox stated his appreciation to staff and Deputy Chief Fulcher for all that was done to assist the family in the celebration of life ceremony recognizing former Commissioner Roger Knowlton.

**Old Business –**

**Open Issues/Actions –** No actions were added.

**New Business –**

**Fire Danger Signs –** Chief Johnson presented the Commissioners with information about the design, cost and placement of the signs. Discussion was held regarding the types of signs, areas of the District where sign placement would be the most visible, size of the signs and time commitment to change the signs during the year when fire danger status changes. Chief Johnson commented that he is planning to contact DNR to see if they would be interested in sharing the cost and maintenance of signs placed on land that borders District and DNR land. The Chief will work to obtain prices and lead time from the manufacturer as well as find out about sign permitting fees.

The Commissioners agreed to table the issue until the next meeting, after Chief Johnson has gotten more information.

**Annexation Petition –**

A motion to accept the annexation petition was made by Commissioner Chase, seconded by Commissioner Fox, and passed unanimously.

A public hearing is scheduled for the August 12th Board of Commissioners meeting.

**Commissioner Comments –**

Commissioner Fox thanked staff again for all of the hard work done to honor Roger Knowlton at the celebration of life ceremony.

He also thanked Commissioner Geiger for chairing the meeting tonight.

Commissioner Chase commented that she has seen some photos taken with children and Smokey the Bear, the kids look so happy. She is really excited about having Smokey at the Station. It will be an asset to the District. Something the kids in the area will love.

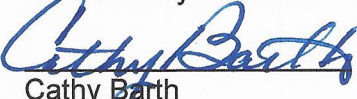
Commissioner Geiger stated his appreciation to Deputy Chief Fulcher for providing assistance to the Knowlton family in preparation of the ceremony. He expressed his thanks also to the Family Support Officers. This was a good opportunity for them to meet and learn about some of the people in the area.



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**Adjourn** - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Chase, seconded by Commissioner Fox, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

  
Cathy Barth  
District Secretary

# Chiefs Report to the Board of Commissioners

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

## DNR

- Still waiting on the property use permit from DNR for the Woods Lake property.
- Had training with DNR to control the wildland qualified staff through the Incident Qualification System. Also participated in qualification peer review. This occurs bi-monthly and is a joint board that approves or rejects persons applying for upgraded wildland qualifications.

## Shindig Weekend

- This year, crews were brought in on overtime to dedicate an apparatus to the Logger Show. This year our crews responded to multiple incidents throughout the valley and the Shindig still had coverage. Calls included mutual aid water rescue calls, MVC's, and multiple concurrent EMS calls both inside and outside the District.

## SCEMS

- The joint task force of Snohomish County EMS met and provided a report on their year long process of determining the future of Snohomish County EMS. All participants were in consensus that the next step was to allow legal counsel to work on completion of a framework for a new agency.

## General

- Still waiting for the legal description from Harmsen for the Wiladsen annexation.
- District personnel participated in the memorial service for Roger Knowlton, who spent 54 years as a firefighter, fire chief, and fire commissioner for the agency. District personnel were honored to assist the Knowlton family with the planning and logistics of the memorial, as well as actively participate in the memorial service.
  - The bell was mounted by John Schalo (past volunteer) and made to mount on the wall of the meeting room, as well as have a base that can be added to make it available for mobile ceremony.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Seth Johnson

Chief, Snohomish County Fire District 5