



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2025

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, and Commissioner Chase were present. Chief Johnson, and District Secretary, Cathy Barth, were present. Members of the staff were in attendance.

A motion to excuse Commissioner Geiger, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

Additions to Agenda - None

Public Comments – None

Consent Agenda –

Agency Benefits for February 2025 – \$52,634.36

Revised Agency Benefits for January 2025 – \$57,064.10

A motion to approve **February 2025 and the revised January 2025 Agency Benefits** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

Chief's Report – See Attached

Commissioner Fox asked Chief Johnson if the stolen radios were turned off by SnoCo 911 and if there was a way to track the location of the radios using GPS. Chief Johnson reported is that the radios have been remotely disabled to the point where they can no longer access the emergency radio network but reported that Sno911 did not enable the GPS tracking feature on the radios.

Old Business –

SCEMSA - ILA

Chief Johnson provided additional new information regarding the proposed Interlocal Agreement (ILA), for SCEMSA. Although the Commissioners had several concerns over the agreement, it was determined that approval for the agreement would be in the best interest of the District.

Chief Johnson feels there are a lot of things the Board can do to fix the agreement once the SCEMSA Board is established.

A motion to delegate Chief Johnson to sign the **SCEMSA – ILA** agreement on behalf of the District, the was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

Five Year Plan –

Chief Johnson proposed the Commissioners schedule a workshop to finalize the five-year strategic plan. The Commissioners agreed that holding a special meeting in a workshop format was the best forum to focus on finalizing the plan. Chief Johnson was tasked with setting the date/time for the first workshop.

Open Issues/Actions – No new issues were added.

Commissioner Fox mentioned that he will be out of town on March 24th and will be unable to attend the Board meeting.



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New Business –

MOU with SCFD 5 and IAFF Local 2781 – Chief Johnson reviewed the MOU with the Commissioners.

A motion to approve a **MOU between SCFD 5 and IAFF Local 2781** was made by Commissioner Chase, amended to delegate Chief Johnson to sign the document by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Fox, and passed unanimously.

Resolution 2025-03 Surplus

A motion to approve **Resolution 2025-03** was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

Executive Session-

A motion to defer the Executive Session until the March 10th Board of Commissioner meeting was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Comments –

Commissioner Fox expressed his appreciation to both Chief Johnson and Commissioner Chase for their willingness to move forward on a difficult agreement.

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 8:12p.m.

Cathy Barth
District Secretary

Chiefs Report to the Board of Commissioners

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Equipment

- The District is preparing to pay for the engine that is on order.
- District staff will be traveling to Branden South Dakota for a pre-construction meeting at the factory in Branden, South Dakota April 7-9. The costs for this trip were included in the purchase price.
- DC Spence continues to work with the apparatus committee and the Vendor to gear up for that meeting.

Personnel

- We interviewed one FF/Medic candidate on Feb 11th, and have three more interviews scheduled for tomorrow. After those interviews, we will invite successful candidates back for a Chiefs interview to determine if a job will be offered. DC Duros found some other advertising platforms and expended a small capital to increase the applicants that we have been seeing.

General

- We are co-hosting a Community Wildfire Protection Open House on Thursday, May 22 at the Startup Event Center, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. This event is developing, but we hope to bring education, materials and expertise to the residents of the Sky Valley who are interested in defensible space, evacuations, new building codes and other wildfire related topics.
- We had equipment stolen from a District Vehicle which included radio equipment and electronics. We have notified the State Auditor about the loss, and will be filing an insurance claim for the stolen property.

AEMT Class

- Unfortunately, we were just informed today that the DOH had a recent rule change that is impacting our ability to host an AEMT class in April. We are looking to reschedule the class to the fall.
- Today DC Duros hosted a supraglottic airway course, which trained EMT-Basics on the insertion of blind airway adjuncts. Students from other agencies were in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Johnson

Chief, Snohomish County Fire District 5