



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

May 12, 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, Commissioner Geiger and Commissioner Chase were present. Chief Johnson, Deputy Chief Duros and District Secretary, Cathy Barth, were present. Members of staff and the public were in attendance.

Additions to Agenda – No additions.

Public/Staff Comments – No comments.

Consent Agenda -

Approval of Minutes for April 14, 2025

Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2025

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Approval of Payroll for May 2025 = \$207,589.47

Approval of Expense Fund Vouchers #250502001 - #250502049 May 2025 = \$82,981.40

Approval of Capital Projects Fund Vouchers #250501001 - #250501001 May 2025 = \$345.00

A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

Chief's Report – See attached.

Chief Johnson was asked how many applicants had applied for the District Secretary position. He replied that we had received four or five.

Commissioner Geiger inquired as to the capabilities of the personnel available for Wildland fire deployment. Chief Johnson replied that wildland personnel will sign up for deployments via an online spreadsheet and we will deploy them from the sheet when we get the request for apparatus.

Old Business –

Commissioner Fox asked Chief Johnson for an update regarding the annexations. He replied that the boundary review board is currently in possession of the documents. Commissioner Chase asked how often the Boundary Review Board meets, the Chief thought once a month.

Commissioner Fox asked for the status of the Smokey Bear installation. The Chief stated that he will be having a conversation with Family Support Officer Fulcher regarding the location and possible issues that might interfere with pouring cement near the front entrance.

Discussed were parcels of property not properly registered during an annexation process outside of the District and the path to correct that issue.

Open Issues/Actions – No new actions were added.

New Business – Chief Johnson informed the Commissioners to expect an amendment to the Sno911 Inter Local Agreement (ILA), for the subcontracted services moving over to Snohomish County EMS (SCEMS).



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Executive Session-

A motion to recess to Executive Session until 7:45 p.m. per RCW 42.30.110 (g) for the review of a public employee, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously at 7:23 p.m. Commissioners Fox, Geiger, Chase, and Chief Johnson were present.

At 7:45 p.m. Commissioner Fox told those in attendance that the meeting would need to be extended by an additional fifteen minutes. A motion to extend the Executive Session was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously. The Executive Session resumed at 7:45 p.m. Chief Johnson was excused.

At 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Geiger told those in attendance that the meeting would need to be extended an additional ten minutes. A motion to extend the Executive Session was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously. The Executive Session resumed at 8:00 p.m. Chief Johnson was asked to attend the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:10 p.m. No actions were taken. Meeting resumed at 8:10 p.m.

Commissioner Comments –

Commissioner Fox thanked staff for hosting the Sno-Isle meeting. Staff put a lot of time into it, and he felt it was successful.

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 8:12 p.m.

Cathy Barth
District Secretary

Chiefs Report to the Board of Commissioners

May 12th, 2025

Apparatus

- T51 delivery was pushed back a few weeks due to delays at the body shop. This was a concern during the initial spec'ing of the refurb. Though the shop tried to schedule with paint appropriately, delays occurred.
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Personnel

- The FF/PM interviews scheduled for the 15th now has 7 candidates, all with varying experience.
- The Secretary job has been posted to the website and Facebook, and staff is working to post it on other job boards. Closing for this position is at the end of the month, but we have already received application packets.

General

- Tomorrow will mark the 4th SCEMSA Board meeting since the new agency was transitioned to the new Board on April 15. DC Duros will be appointed to the Technical Advisory Committee, representing our caucus.
- The first Wildland Refresher training was held at Station 51 on Saturday, lead by DC Spence. As we gear up for wildland season, we will be establishing a signup list for all qualified personnel to roster an engine, tender or possibly aid or medic unit for deployment. This will be done with consideration for our capacity to operate in-district, and does not mean that we will send more people out of the area than we can afford to backfill.
- The open house was successful, and we estimate that we had greater than 200 guests come and participate in games, tours, photo ops and view the resources that we provided. A big thank you to Sultan Community Alliance for the organization, personnel, and supplies that made this event so successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Johnson

Chief, Snohomish County Fire District 5