



## **Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**

***July 28, 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 attended the Board meeting via Zoom video conferencing and asked Vice Chair Commissioner Chase to lead the meeting. Chief Johnson, District Secretary, Cathy Barth, and Kendra Chynoweth were present. Members of staff and the public were in attendance.

**Additions to Agenda** – Commissioner Fox added under New Business a discussion regarding the Washington State Fire Commissioners Association annual conference in October.

**Public Comments** – No Comments.

### **Consent Agenda –**

Agency Benefits for July 2025 – \$55,807.12

A motion to approve the **July 2025 Agency Benefits \$55,807.12** was made by Commissioner Chase, seconded by Commissioner Fox, and passed unanimously.

**Chief's Report** – See Attached.

### **Old Business –**

**Open Issues/Actions** – No new actions.

### **New Business –**

#### **Interlocal Agreement (ILA) – Health Care Cooperative Study –**

The Chief presented the Commissioners with a cost sharing Interlocal Agreement (ILA), for the purposes of studying a potential healthcare insurance cooperative plan with other local fire departments.

Commissioner Chase after reviewing the proposal found several inconsistencies, areas requiring clarification and overall concerns. Commissioner Chase stated that she was not inclined to vote to approve the document until the proposal has been clarified and corrected.

Commissioner Fox agreed that the document needed some corrections and clarifications. Although he found the proposal to be a good concept with merit, he too, was not inclined to vote to approve. The Commissioners are in support of the idea, but do not want to move forward with this agreement as written.

Chief Johnson would like to discuss the document with Commissioner Chase and get her feedback on the needed corrections and clarifications.

The Commissioners agreed to provide Chief Johnson with feedback to take back to the authors of the agreement.

**Washington State Fire Commissioner Association Meeting Discussion**– Commissioner Fox received an email informing him of the duties he would be performing as the Chairperson of the host committee for the Washington State Fire Commissioners Association meeting in October. He assumes he will need to attend all three days of the event and hotels may be needed. He reviewed some of the duties he has been asked to provide during the function.



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### **Commissioner Comments –**

Commissioner Fox thanked staff for their participation in the State mobilizations. He also thanked those people that remained here protecting the District.

Commissioner Chase commented that she enjoyed watching the videos of the mobilization and was appreciative of the experience and opportunity our staff was able to gain working the mobilization.

Chief Johnson agreed that the mobilizations provide us with experience that can be utilized within our District should we be called to mobilize.

**Adjourn -** Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Chase, seconded by Commissioner Fox, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Cathy Barth  
District Secretary

# **Chiefs Report to the Board of Commissioners**

July 28th, 2025

## **Mobilization**

- Crews returned yesterday from our second wildland fire mobilization of the year. The first deployment to the Apple Acres in Chelan and this last one was to the Burdoin Fire in Lyle.
- Together, these fires resulted in almost \$25,000 in equipment reimbursements and over 1,000 hours of reimbursable personnel costs.
- Our wildland deployment list is well staffed throughout the rest of the year, and when our turn comes up we will be ready to send units on the team, provided that our District is covered.

## **Apparatus**

- The new command vehicle was delivered today. DC Spence has coordinated with vendors to install lighting, radios, striping, and other required equipment.

## **Miscellaneous**

- Staff is working to secure grant funding for a point-of-care ultrasound unit. These units would be used by our ALS staff and it is supported by the County MPD.
- Unable to find a local contractor to install concrete for Smokey Bear, Jim Fulcher has been working with staff to prepare the area for a small slab pour which included moving sprinkler pipe and wiring.
- Positive feedback has been received from the installation of the fire danger signs. We went through medium, high, and very high within the span of two weeks. We are using Washington State DNR's fire danger rating.
- Our insurance renewal with CIAW is starting, and staff will start that renewal by performing an audit of current coverages and selecting coverage limits that protect the districts assets. Though the renewal is beginning, any cost increases won't be known until October/November.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Seth Johnson

Chief, Snohomish County Fire District 5