



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2026

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, and Commissioner Copple were present. Chief Johnson and District Secretary Kendra Chynoweth were present. Deputy Chief Duros, Deputy Chief Jarrod Spence and one community member were in attendance via Zoom video conferencing. Members of staff were in attendance.

Consent Agenda -

Approval of Minutes for July 13, 2026

Approval of Minutes for July 27, 2026

Approval of Payroll August 2026 = \$323,893.87

Approval of Expense Fund Vouchers #260801001 - #260801032 August 2026 = \$84,240.74

Approval of Expense Fund Vouchers #260802001 - #260802006 August 2026 = \$2,518.52

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

Chief's Report – See attached

Commissioner Chase asked Chief Johnson about the possibility of searching for grant funds to create a tool lending library. Chief Johnson stated that there is a group of districts trying to create a consortium to do just that.

Deputy Chief Duros Report – See attached

Deputy Chief Spence Report – See attached

Old Business –

Helipad Discussion – Chief Johnson and Commissioner Fox will be meeting with an engineering firm on Thursday to move the discussion forward.

Reserve Fund Plan Approval

Commissioners have reviewed the most recent Reserve Fund Plan that was emailed by Chief Johnson. Commissioner Chase had one amendment changing a word.

A motion to approve the **Reserve Fund Plan 8-7-2026** as amended was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.

New Business –

PO# 2026-4200 - Fire Hose & Nozzles for new apparatus

We are changing to high flow low pressure hose, combat ready with a thicker inner rubber jacket. Commissioner Copple asked how long the firehose should last.

Commissioner Chase asked how much of the hose is allocated to the new engine vs established apparatus.

A motion to approve **PO# 2026- 4200** as presented was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Chase, and passed unanimously.



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PO# 2026-4193 - Station 52 Repair and Remodel

Commissioner Fox spoke about this being the assigned office space for Josh, the community resource EMT, and community is now coming into conduct business in Station 52. Commissioner Chase is concerned about the repairs needed to address the water damaged wall. Commissioner Copple would like to have heads up in advance and see the area ahead of being asked for approval.

Commissioner Fox would like to table this discussion until the Commissioners could separately view Station 52.

A motion to table **PO# 2026- 4193** as presented was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

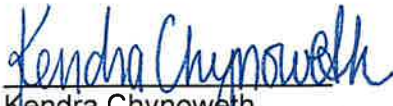
Chief Johnson will be meeting with the Commissioners separately down at Station 52 to preview the area prior to the next Commissioners Meeting scheduled August 24, 2026.

Commissioner Comments –

Commissioner Fox – Thank you staff for all you've done, traveling and extra work and hours you've done to keep us and others safe.

Adjourn - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Kendra Chynoweth
District Secretary

Chiefs Report to the Board of Commissioners

August 10th, 2026

Recent Wildfire Responses and Mobilization

- Washington fire agency resources have been supplemented by resources from California. These resources were ordered under the federal Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), which is the same agreement we use when we respond to California.
- Brush 51 is in Walla Walla, at the Paradise fire which is burning in the Walla Walla Watershed, which straddles the Washington/Oregon border.

Annexation

- I spoke with Brian last week re: annexations, he is still working through the process with nothing much to report.

Misc.

- On July 31, we had a fatality structure fire on Woods Creek Road. This fire included an RV, detached home structure and extended into the brush. The Snohomish County Fire Marshals office is investigating, and our Peer Support Team has been engaged with our personnel.
- The newsletter has hit the mailboxes of our citizens! We also have hard copies at the station, and we welcome any feedback on the format or information that was included. This important communication tool is meant to be fine tuned each issue, but I want to thank Pretty Decent Goods and Elite Printing for working with us to provide a very good starting point.
- Smokey has been returned and the crews reinstalled him in the original location. The paintwork that was done looks great, and was all done under warranty.
- The burn ban has been upgraded to a Stage 2 Burn Ban. This includes all outdoor burning, including campfires and recreational fires. Outdoor cooking is allowed, but only in charcoal, gas or pellet grills which are self-contained.
- Crews participated in the National Night Out. This event is primarily a law enforcement event meant to strengthen the ties between law enforcement and the community. The event was very well attended, and we were able to showcase all of the work that staff has performed on the antique howe engine.
- We are also looking into the logistics of placing the Howe in the Monroe Fair Parade on the 29th. Jim Fulcher is working on getting an experienced mechanic to assist with the final items on the Model T.
- The Ford Explorer that we purchased has been in the shop for some electrical repairs, and we are working with the vendor and the shop to make sure that it is fully functional prior to taking delivery. We have not paid for this vehicle yet, we are holding the check until final delivery.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Johnson

Chief, Snohomish County Fire District 5



Snohomish County Fire District #5

Operations Chief Report 8/10/26

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