

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 8

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting



MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2025; 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held at Station 82 and accessible on Zoom. Commissioner Andy Rorie called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. In Attendance: Commissioner Andy Rorie, Commissioner Jeff Larsen (via Zoom), Commissioner Lee C Boling, Chief Lonnie Rash, Assistant Chief Chris Wyrobek, District Secretary Michelle Rodgers, L3711 President Blaine Holman, members of the District, and members of the public.

INTRODUCTIONS & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Rorie stated no comments were received via online or on the website.

L3711 President Blaine Holman informed the commissioners the Union had ratified on their end for both firefighter and supervisor contracts. He extended a Thank you to the District and encouraged the commissioners to approve.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Larsen: move to approve the Agenda as Amended. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

The following warrants and electronic transfers were approved for payment:

- Warrant Numbers 116149 through 116215 totaling \$594,333.76
- Electronic Payments 01/01/2025 – 01/31/2025 totaling \$384,804.58

A motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Larsen: move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:10 pm Commissioner Rorie requested an Executive Session for forty-five minutes per RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposal made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

Finance Manger Michelle Rodgers joined the commissioners in Executive Session.

At 6:20 Chief Rash and Assistant Chief Wyrobek also joined the Executive Session.

At 6:45 Assistant Chief Wyrobek and Finance Manger Michelle Rodgers exited the Executive Session.

At 6:55 Commissioner Rorie called the meeting back in session. No decisions were made during Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 25-01 Regular Meeting Date Change: Chief Rash stated the Resolution 25-01 is for the meeting change from 2/11/25 to 2/4/25. A motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Larsen; move to adopt Resolution 25-01 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Selection of Board Chair: Chief Rash explained the District rules and procedure call for an election of Chair and Vice Chair annually. Commissioner Boling noted in past years the Chair and Vice Chair are re-elected for a second year. A motion was made by Commissioner Boling to elect Commissioner Rorie as Chair and Commissioner Larsen as Vice Chair. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Larsen. The motion as carried unanimously.

C. Local 3711 Firefighter Contract: Chief Rash provided details regarding the 2025-2027 Local 3711 Firefighter Contract and informed the attached agreement is ready for the commissioners to review. All the changes are visible to review between the current and prior agreements. A motion was made by Commissioner Boling to approve 2025-2027 Local 3711 Firefighter Contract and seconded by Commissioner Larsen. The motion as carried unanimously.

D. Local 3711 Supervisor Contract: A motion was made by Commissioner Boling to approve 2025-2027 Local 3711 Supervisor Contract and seconded by Commissioner Larsen. The motion as carried unanimously.

E. Procedure Review 2 of 3: Chief Rash provided the second installment of 20 procedures to review and approve are in the commissioners packets. No discussion needed per the commissioners. These procedures will be sent out to the members for the 30 day comment period.

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Chief Rash

A. Facilities Update: Chief Rash informed the Board Station 81 Maintenance addition is starting on March 3 with the completion date of July 2025. Station 85 the three day wait period for references has been completed. The next facilities meeting with either be February 20th. Commissioner Boling has requested to be at the facilities meeting via Zoom.

B. SREC Update: Chief Rash stated HB-1258 is still in committee. He thanked Commissioner Rorie for his attendance at the Media briefing at the new SREC building. Chief Rash requests the commissioners guidance regarding wither to continue forwarding the emails as well as their position on media posting. Commissioner Rorie would like to be unified as partner agencies and SREC and requested Chief Rash contact the commissioners when it is time start posting. Commissioner Boling agreed with Commissioner Rorie and wants to make sure we are a unified front. Commissioner Larsen agrees. Chief Rash will look for guidance once it is time to post for social media and to make sure it is distributed appropriately.

C. Ambulance Service: Chief Rash indicated the basics of the agreement have not changed or have changed little. Generally it is a three year contract; there needs to be an opener for if something changes in the landscape, both AMR and ASB can come to the table to discuss.

D. NW Leadership Seminar: Chief Rash believes it should be good to go. There have been additional invites sent.

OPERATIONS REPORT: Chief WYROBEK

A. Alarm Statistics: Chief WYROBEK provided the 2023/2024 comparison of responses. Total calls in 2023 were 4176 and in 2024 was 4209 which is a difference of 33 more calls in 2024. He provided a side by side comparison showing there was not a significant change between the two years.

B. Morning Star Boys Ranch: Chief WYROBEK provided updates from Chief Long and the prevention division by showing pictures of before and after the fuel mitigation project was collaborated with the Spokane Wildfire Mitigation Coalition and DNR. The Morning Star Boys Ranch project is 40 acre project; completed on 1/27/25. Glenrose trail is another project being started to reduce wildfire fuel and is starting in February.

DISTRICT SECRETARY: Michelle Rodgers

A. WSRM Mini Meeting: Chief Rash, Commissioner Boling, Commissioner Larsen, and Michelle will be attending the Mini Meeting on 3/5. Commissioner Rorie stated he would be attending as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Special Board Meeting/Facility Funding – February 21st at 3:00 pm at Station 82

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chief Rash requested a meeting in the Fall for the purpose of policy/procedure review.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Larsen and seconded by Commissioner Boling: move to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

At 7:23 pm Commissioner Rorie adjourned the regular meeting.



Andrew V. Rorie, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST: 
Michelle Rodgers, District Secretary