

# **SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 8**

## **Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting**



### **MEETING MINUTES**

April 8, 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 Lee C Boling, Chief Lonnie Rash, District Secretary Michelle Rodgers, members of the District, and members of the public. Commissioner Andy Rorie excused Commissioner Jeff Larsen from the meeting.

### **INTRODUCTIONS & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Rorie noted addition of 8. C. Station 85 rehousing for renovation. A motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: 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 116271 through 116330 totaling \$248,779.80
- Electronic Payments 03/01/2025 – 03/31/2025 totaling \$617,141.06

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CPR Save:** Chief Rash awarded Firefighter Jeff Moe with a CPR Save pin in recognition of the life saving measures performed on September 12, 2022 as well as the ongoing hard work and dedication shown every day by FF Moe and the members of Fire District 8.

**B. Wellness Coordinator:** Chief Rash provided information regarding hiring a wellness coordinator including the job description and requirements. Commissioner Rorie is going to send questions to Chief Rash. Further discussion will occur with Commissioner Larsen.

**C. Station 85 – Rehousing for Renovation:** Chief Rash went over many options for rehousing members during the renovations for four months from May to September.

Options included closing station 85, relocating to Spokane Valley Fire, and temporary housing in the form of either FORTS temporary structures or RV rentals. Chief Rash showed a 947 sq. ft. option of the FORTS housing that would include four bedrooms, living space, kitchen and bathroom. He then showed a 1300 sq. ft. option that is similar, except it has a larger living space and a separate location for the kitchen. To lease the first unit it would be \$18,000 per month and the larger one is \$23,000 per month. The logistics expense including shipping, setting up, tearing it down, and shipping back is \$18,900. The temporary housing would cost roughly \$93,000 for a four month lease. Chief Rash briefly mentioned the option of RV rentals; this however would separate the crew members and maintenance wouldn't be included. Commissioner Boling noted from his experience how the RVs would not be his desired option. Commissioner Rorie stated he has no reservations moving forward except needing Commissioner Larsen's input as well. Commissioner Boling expressed the need to take into consideration this is where the crews will be living for 24hrs at a time and he would prefer to make it the most comfortable as possible while still understand the cost effectiveness.

Chief Rash asked the board for a motion to expend the funds for temporary housing. Commissioner Rorie stated that based on the approved budget and the previously broken down project expenditures that a motion was not necessary. Commissioner Boling agreed.

**EXECUTIVE REPORT: Chief Rash**

**A. Facilities/Apparatus Update:** Chief Rash stated maintenance building at Station 81 is having concrete being poured next week and walls should be up by April 14<sup>th</sup>, after April 14<sup>th</sup> the contractor will be roughing in plumbing. Station 85 has the contract signed and the initial meeting has been conducted. Phase 1 for Station 85 would be starting on/around April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Strategic Plan Update:** Chief Rash has not developed the tracking product for distribution yet. He will be presenting it to the members in a video and presenting it on a more routine basis to the commissioners.

**C. SREC Update:** The SREC board at the request of the Spokane County Commissioners have paused their motion to recommend the City of Spokane separate from SREC and become their own Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). There will be a one day mediation between SREC, the County, and the City in mid-June. HB1258 is through the House and amended in the Senate. Under the amendment, funds would be distributed according to population size rather than the number of calls.

**D. Spokane County Finance Charges:** District Secretary Rodgers explained in January, Spokane County changed their financial management platform to Workday. Hopefully in May the reports will run smoother. Chief Rash explained the commissioners are not currently receiving the treasurer reports due to the new reporting issues with the County system, but they will be coming soon.

**E. Custer Road:** Chief Rash indicated there was a meeting last year with the community in the Custer Road area regarding development, access and permitting was allowed by Spokane County to block some roadways. There will be a meeting with a

County engineer to discuss what the solutions are prior to taking actions. Commissioner Boling expressed concerns if an emergency vehicle not familiar with the area looks up the google maps it currently shows the road going through, not knowing ahead it is not accessible. Chief Rash believes the county maps used for 911 do show the road as a broken road segment, but google and apple maps do still show it as continuing.

**OPERATIONS REPORT: Chief WYROBEK**

A. None

**DISTRICT SECRETARY: Michelle Rodgers**

A. **Chelan Follow-Up:** District Secretary Rodgers had sent out the check in's and check outs for Chelan and was verifying if there were any changes needed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Thank you from Rep. Schmick
- B. Navigating the Flames – DEM Thursday 4/10 at 8:30am-2:00pm location Seven Day Adventist in District 10. Chief Rash will coordinate if any of the commissioners would like to attend.
- C. Thank you from Fiber Arts
- D. Thank you from MDA – Fill the Boot
- E. Engine 81 Push-In/Maintenance Building Renovation – April 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chief Rash mentioned a September budget and policy workshop.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

At 6:59 pm Commissioner Rorie adjourned the regular meeting.



Andrew V. Rorie, Chair  
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:



Michelle Rodgers, District Secretary