

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 8

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting



MEETING MINUTES

July 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 Jeff Larsen, Commissioner Lee C Boling, Fire Chief Lonnie Rash (via Zoom), Interim Fire Chris Wyrobek, District Secretary Michelle Rodgers, HR Manager Renee Scacco, 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.

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 116452 through 116516 totaling \$390,521.34
- Electronic Payments 06/01/2025 – 06/30/2025 totaling \$633,844.58

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Wellness Coordinator: Commissioner Rorie tabled this item for a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

A. MOU-Extended Absence Promotional Position-Supervisor Contract: Chief Rash noted the District is considering transitioning a current Division Chief from a 24hr shift to a scheduled day shift. Not anticipating such an early need in the Supervisors contract, it was determined that it was lacking the extended absence language as previously agreed upon in the Firefighters contract. Assistant Chief Wyrobek explained the copies provided to the board as a marked up copy reviewed by our attorney and a clean copy for the Board to review. Commissioner Boling confirmed with Chief Wyrobek, the movement of one Division Chief to days was just for an interim period during hiring a Fire Chief.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Larsen to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding for the Extended Absence Promotional Position of the Supervisors contract for L3711. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Contract for Legal Services: Chief Rash explained to the board the District had made a decision to seek new General Counsel. After careful review and deliberation, Chief Rash is recommending the board authorize the Interim Fire Chief to enter into a professional services agreement for legal services with Eric Quinn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Larsen and seconded by Commissioner Boling to approve the change in general counsel to Eric Quinn. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Chief Rash

A. Custer Lane Response: Chief Rash brought attention to the board the letter drafted to the Developer, County, and the Land Owner of the Districts recommendation as guided by the board. Commissioner Boling thanked Chief Rash for the well drafted letter.

B. EMS Levy: Chief Rash informed the board the EMS Levy had been launched; receiving some media acknowledgement from KREM 2. Chief Rash asked that he be permitted to do conversation interviews with some of new stations to reason why? Will be ramping up media presence over the next two weeks in preparation of ballots coming out. Chief Rash further stated the website had been updated with a one-page flyer. Chief Rash noted he would be in person for the public hearing on July 22.

C. Office Assistant Position: Chief Rash explained with the parting of our Office Assistant, it was determined to bring in a temporary employee to fill in the gap while both Finance Manager Michelle Rodgers and HR Manager Renee Scacco will be taking on some additional duties. This will give the District an opportunity to take the time to vet the position and determine the needs of the District.

D. Social Media Contract: Chief Rash noted the Office Assistant and himself were the media contributors to our media accounts and with the departure of them both, and for continuity, he has engaged in a contract with Tiny Tall to manage our media presence.

E. SREC911 Update: Chief Rash talked of the SREC board meeting where a vote took place in favor of severing their relationship with the City of Spokane Fire Department. Looking forward, District 8 needs to be mindful of how this operationally impacts the district.

OPERATIONS REPORT: Chief Wyrobek

A. ASB Contract: Chief Wyrobek informed the board on Fire District 9's intent to withdraw from the ASB one year from now. Chief Wyrobek noted contract language is being sent back and forth with District 9 legal and ABS legal. Additionally, Chief Wyrobek stated AMR has been notified of District 9's intent; AMR has made no notification of this preventing the remaining body members of coming to an agreement. Chief Wyrobek indicated moving forward District 8 will need to see what EMS transport looks like in Spokane County.

B. Alarm Statistics: Chief WYROBEK stated May numbers are in the packet and we are a little over last year.

DISTRICT SECRETARY: Michelle Rodgers

A. WFCA – Tulalip Resort, October 22-25: District Secretary, Michelle Rodgers, informed the board hotel rooms had been secured in their names and would follow up at a later date to determine if any changes may be need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. State of the City; Wednesday, July 23; 11:30AM-1:00PM: Commissioner Rorie asked who would be attending; Commissioner Boling anticipates to be there with Commissioner Rorie and Interim Chief WYROBEK.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:25 pm Commissioner Rorie requested an Executive Session for ten minutes per **RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)** To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee: and, Per **RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)** To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

At 6:35 pm Commissioner Rorie called the meeting back in session. No decisions were made during Executive Session.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 6:37 pm Commissioner Rorie adjourned the regular meeting.



Andrew V. Rorie, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:



Michelle Rodgers, District Secretary