

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 8

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting



MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 2025; 5:00 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 via Zoom, Interim Fire Chris WYROBEK, 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 Larsen and seconded by Commissioner Boling: move to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Station 85 Remodel: Commissioner Rorie asked to walk through how a change order of this value occurs. Chief WYROBEK presented slides to the Board of the following:

- The Station 85 Remodel includes a generator and fuel system installation intended to improve operational resiliency.
- The 2025 budget included a separate \$100,000 capital line item for the generator (Project F21).
- This generator work was not included in the original remodel bid, leading to additional cost and procedural questions.
- The generator system includes a 500-gallon fuel cell to supply both the generator and fire apparatus fueling station — consistent with Stations 81 and 82.
- Due to site topography (north hillside), excavation and concrete pad installation are required.
- Utility relocations (water and gas lines) affected the site layout and increased costs.
- Additional electrical work: installation of automatic transfer switch, disconnects, and wiring to integrate with building systems.
- **Change Order 1:**
 - Infrastructure (excavation, pad, transfer switch, conduit, etc.) — **\$82,320.37**
- **Change Order 16:**
 - Generator, 500-gallon fuel tank, fueling equipment — **\$87,908.00**
- **Total Combined: ~\$170,229**

- About \$70,000 over the \$100,000 generator budget.
- **Lead times:**
 - **Transfer switch:** 4 months
 - **Generator:** 7 months

Commissioner Rorie asked if because the generator was not part of the remodel scope, members questioned whether they were required to use Darden (the main contractor) or could seek outside bids. Chief Wyrobek confirmed this could be considered a separate project, but coordination issues may arise if another contractor is used for the building tie-ins. Chief Wyrobek stated delays could extend the temporary facility rental (\$23,500/month) and postpone substantial completion (target: mid-December). Additionally, Chief Wyrobek noted locking in pricing now could prevent cost escalation in 2025. Two options were provided Commissioners:

- **Option 1:**
 - Approve all generator and infrastructure work now.
 - Proceed with both change orders and lock pricing.
- **Option 2 (Phased Approach):**
 - Approve only **Change Order 1** (infrastructure and prep work).
 - Delay purchase of generator and fuel tank until further research or 2025 budget cycle.
 - Keeps remodel on schedule and avoids rental extensions, but generator cost may rise later.

A motion was made by Commissioner Larsen and seconded by Commissioner Boling: move to approve Change Order 1 Infrastructure and Prep Work. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Wyrobek will confirm whether the generator purchase requires Darden involvement, as well as, obtain pricing updates and confirm potential 2025 price increases. Commissioner Rorie asked the generator discussion be included on the November agenda for possible action.

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 5:31 pm Commissioner Rorie adjourned the regular meeting.



Andrew V. Rorie, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST: 
Michelle Rodgers, District Secretary