

**SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 8**  
**Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting**



**MEETING MINUTES**

November 11, 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, 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**

Blaine Holman, 6920 N. Aragonite Rd. Spokane, WA 99208. Mr. Holman referenced the MOU, moving minimum hours from 6 hours to 3 hours. He encouraged the board to approve as it is going before their union tonight. In regards to Hiring, he'd like encourage the district to look at laterals for next hiring, and for the fire chief panel, thank the board for allowing him to sit on the panel; also asked for two additional members to be allowed to participate as well.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

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 116683 through 116761 totaling \$530,682.57
- Electronic Payments 10/01/2025 – 10/31/2025 totaling \$863,009.78

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. Station 85 Generator:** Chief Wyrobek noted we received another quote; however, the quote came in too late to present at this meeting. He will present in December.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Dishman – Mica Road Safety – Citizen request:** Chief Wyrobek introduced Mr. Donahue who proceeded with his request. Mr. Donahue stated he is as fifth generation farmer and firefighter with the City of Spokane. He brought attention to the numerous accidents and property damage that has occurred through the years with little to no enforcement. He is asking the board to provide a letter acknowledging issues with the road and traffic. Mr. Donehue will also be approaching the Spokane Valley Fire, area school districts, as well as, local residents and businesses to solicitate letters of support.

Chief Wyrobek stated he has the data and will draft the letter for commissioners to review and Docusign.

**B. 2026 Budget - Public Hearing and Presentation of Final Budget for Adoption:** Chief Wyrobek reviewed the budget process and recapped the 2026 Budget and Expense plan. Chief Wyrobek noted the biggest change in process was the need to create a Resolution for Levy increases; however, since they are tied to CPI, that step is no longer required. Form 64 0100 is now the only item required to be prepared by Finance and submitted to the County. The current step in our process allows for public comment on the 2026 Budget and Expense plan; at which point then the Board can vote on its Adoption. New for 2026, refunds are now added to Form 64 0100 showing as 2026 revenue. Chief Wyrobek asked the Public Hearing be open for discussion of revenue.

At 6:18 PM, Commissioner Rorie opened the Public Hearing Meeting.

Chief Wyrobek reviewed the proposed revenues from the County. M&O is at \$0.50. He also reviewed the levy amounts. Chief Wyrobek and Commissioner Rorie asked if there were any public comments; both in the room and online. None were noted.

At 6:21 PM, Commissioner Rorie closed the Public Hearing.

Chief Wyrobek made note of one change in the budget; it was regarding the Butterfly IO program. He was able to fund a total of four Butterfly IO hardware.

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

**C. Union Leave MOU:** Chief Wyrobek noted during recent contract negotiations, it was requested union leave be adjusted from minimum 6-hour block to 3-hour block.

A motion was made by Commissioner Larsen and seconded by Commissioner Boling: move to approve the Union Leave MOU. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Interim Fire Chief Resignation:** Chief Wyrobek restated to the board of his formal resignation effective December 31, 2025. He noted he is working on a transition process. He made the board aware his last day in the office will be December 18, 2025 and will be using time off until December 31, 2025. Chief Wyrobek further thanked everyone for allowing him to be of service. The board thanked him as well for his willingness to step in after Chief Rash departure.

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT: Chief Wyrobek**

**A. AMR Rates:** Chief Wyrobek stated as part of the Annual Rate Review for ambulance companies, the rates for 2026 will increase to ALS and BLS base rate to \$5,404.49 and mileage rate increase to \$72.94. This is consistent with what Spokane Valley Fire was quoted. The ASB had questions regarding these changes and met virtually on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The Office of Insurance Commissioner requires each agency to submit transport rate information on behalf of the contracted provider. AMR cannot and is not authorized to submit those rates.

**OPERATIONS REPORT:**

None

**DISTRICT SECRETARY: Michelle Rodgers**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:31 pm Commissioner Rorie requested an Executive Session for thirty 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 **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.

Chief Wyrobek asked HR Manager Renee Scacco and Finance Manager Michelle Rodgers join in the Executive Session.

At 7:01 Commissioner Rorie brought the meeting back in session stating no decisions were made.

**Future Agenda Items:**

**A. Station 85 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** – Placeholder for January 2026.

**B. Policy Workshop 11/18/25-** Postponed, will be held at a later date. Commissioner Rorie noted that the 11/18/25 meeting date will be utilized for an Executive session to further discuss personnel matters. Chief Wyrobek shared Attorney Quinn is reviewing the policies and will reach out to HR Manager Scacco once his process is complete so we can bring back to the board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm



Andrew V. Rorie, Chair  
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:



Michelle Rodgers, District Secretary