

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO 8

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting



MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2026; 5:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held at Station 82. Commissioner Jeff Larsen called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. In Attendance: Commissioner Andy Rorie via Zoom, Commissioner Lee C. Boling, Commissioner Jeff Larsen, Fire Chief Kenneth Erben, District Secretary Michelle Rodgers, HR Manager Renee Scacco, members of the district, and members of the public.

INTRODUCTIONS & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Larsen 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 Rorie: move to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA & MINUTES:

The following warrants and electronic transfers were approved for payment:

- Warrant Numbers 117072 through 117126 totaling \$323,101.04
- Electronic Payments 04/01/2026 – 04/30/2026 totaling \$867,671.49

The following Minutes were approved as presented:

- April 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Deputy Chief Interviews: Chief Erben reported interviews were conducted on May 12, 2026, and there were four candidates. Reference checks were being conducted. Information will be provided in the future.

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Chief Erben

A. District Open House: Chief Erben reported on the district open house. He reported Chief Long did an excellent job on the event. It was well attended and many vendors participated.

B. District Workshop Priorities Update: Chief Erben reported that 31 listed priorities came out of the workshop. Almost every deadline had been met by those who were given a delegated task. Completed tasks will be evaluated and a follow-up workshop will be scheduled in the future.

C. Station 82 Cistern: Chief Erben stated Chief Kress did a good job of getting quotes for the cistern and that the new cistern will provide adequate water going forward. The existing well and pump had issues and as a result, the pump, piping and wiring were replaced. The extra cost of the repairs was estimated at about \$4,000. The water will be tested in a few weeks.

D. ASB Contract Reimbursement of Consumables: Chief Erben reported there is an AMR reimbursement for each transport for consumables. The report details transport dates of August 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. During that time, the district had 586 transports totaling \$7,606.28.

OPERATIONS REPORT: Chief Erben

A. Apparatus Renumbering: Chief Erben reported we have submitted our three-digit numbering system and it has been approved by SREC. The apparatus will have three-digit numbers starting with 8.

B. Abandon Tones: The tones are utilized to signify when appropriate to abandon/evacuate a structure fire due to accelerating conditions or possible collapse. The city uses an emergency toner which we will be adopted county-wide. A policy will be written and approved for this new procedure.

DISTRICT SECRETARY: Michelle Rodgers

C. WFCA/Nicholson & Associates: District Secretary Michelle Rodgers reported the WFCA meeting is upcoming and verified attendance on June 5. Reservations have been made for Commissioner Boling, Commissioner Larsen, and Chief Erben.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Erben

A. Gabe Gerhart – EMS Award: Chief Erben reported Gabe Gerhart was recognized by the Spokane County EMS and Trauma Council.

B. Battalion Chief Christopher Kress – Public Safety Award: Chief Erben reported Chief Kress was nominated by Chief Erben for the Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce First Responder Public Safety Award for his hard work on the Station 85 remodel. He will receive the award later in the week.

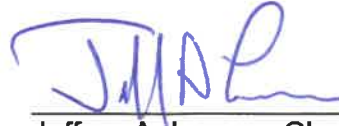
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. None

ADJOURNMENT

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

At 5:23 pm Commissioner Larsen adjourned the regular meeting.



Jeffery A. Larsen, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:



Michelle Rodgers, District Secretary