

Regular Pension Meeting

June 18, 2025

PRESENT

Commissioners: Dave Lohman, Tom Perry

Secretary: Sarah Smith

Chiefs: John Leander, Steve Riggs, Mike Collins

Absent: Kirk Damon

Commissioner Lohman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes approved for April 16, 2024 Pension Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner signed Michael Bart's retire/rehire form

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Kirk Damon, Commissioner

Tom Perry, Chairman

David Lohman, Commissioner

Sarah Smith, Secretary

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Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Motion made and approved to accept the May 27, 2025, minutes as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** There was a beginning cash balance of \$423,419.10. We had a collective cash increase of \$57,444.76, and a collective cash decrease of \$7,437.01, leaving a balance of \$The reserve fund remains the same at \$220,000.
2. Public records request – Sarah and Chief Miller explained the public records request submitted by a Bellingham law firm regarding run #2024-64. Sarah has been communicating with the District's legal counsel, CSD Law in Bellingham, regarding the District's thorough response to the records request.
3. Enduris rate clarification – Sarah updated Commissioners on discussion with Velvet and Joe re updated property deductible. Commissioners reiterated desire to increase property deductible to \$10,000.
4. 4 old AED devices – discussion of donation to various parties who have inquired; of obligation to Auditor regarding donating items of value. Concluded the AED units should be considered surplus and disposable.

CORRESPONDENCE

Enduris - rate forecast

CHIEFS REPORTS

Chief Miller: Property adjacent to fire hall cut all the trees down on their property and are now complaining about the sound of the air conditioning unit that keeps solar array cooled. Legally, the

District is not obligated to modify any existing infrastructure to accommodate such a complaint. Samish Island listserv reflected some discontent about speed of response to a E-CPR call. Miller responded on the listserv; did a SOG review with team re response protocol.

Chief Riggs: Station maintenance and cleanup preparing for Strawberry Social on 6/30. Posted a burn ban sign. Burlington moved to ESO for records management, cheapest option. Learned that ERS is not yet shut down, to accommodate agencies' timelines. It's not supported, but it is still accessible and useable. FYI: Skagit 911 will be increasing fees, to reflect administration costs. Increased fees to include their ER&R and Capital Improvement plans. Only the department that acquires the call will be charged. Their capital improvement plans include a new 911 center. District's radios are P25 compliant, but they will soon need to be programmed for future encryption capacities. Currently costs about \$425 per radio to add programming. Met with DEM, heard they are trying to engage, increase visibility, with 24 hour line to reach them. Offering extra tools to agencies. Discussion of new online burn permit hosted by Fire Marshall, and it's shortcomings.

Chief Leander: Finished live fire training at Sedro-Woolley facility. Engine 512 needed pump sensor replacement, which led to finding programming problem on autoCAFS, so old 512 is back in service. Hoping Chuckanut Drive will be open on June 19 to improve access to 512 garage. Maintenance on district's fleet will return to focus in next couple of weeks. Chiefs need to discuss, to avoid servicing and paying more than necessary. Related, the upcoming annual pump tests. Discussion of rigs' needs and values, of reality that the least the engine is run and used, the more detrimental to its ongoing reliability. Edison decided to run a thorough rig text, including pump ops, quarterly. Concluded to not have 532 inspected, to save cost.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Gavin Miller reported to Safety Meeting, recorded current issues, including fireworks concerns.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

AUDIT OF VOUCHERS

Proceeded with the audit of the vouchers and paying bills. Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve the utility voucher dated June 4, 2025, in the amount of \$189.83 and submitted on June 5 , 2025. Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve all expenses on the voucher dated June 18 , 2025 in the amount of \$11,533.50.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Allen, Edison, Samish Island

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