

Regular Commissioners Meeting
July 16, 2025

PRESENT

Commissioners: Dave Lohman, Kirk Damon

Chiefs: Steve Riggs, John Leander, Tom Miller

Secretary: Sarah Smith

Absent: Tom Perry

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Motion made and approved to accept the June 18, 2025, minutes as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** There was a beginning cash balance of \$473,526.85. We had a collective cash increase of \$2,628.87, and a collective cash decrease of \$48,419.99, leaving a balance of \$427,735.73. The reserve fund remains the same at \$220,000.

CORRESPONDENCE

Skagit County Planning Determination of Nonsignificance

Samish Farms Water Assn annual meeting; annual water quality report

Enduris policy renewal – Sarah explained that she emailed Enduris today to request an updated invoice/policy that reflects the \$10k deductible for liability and property.

CHIEFS REPORTS

Chief Miller: One new member, very interested in EMT program. Asst Chief Collins working on the DEM emergency action plan. Community outreach in the fall in conjunction with a local daycare. Brush fire on 5th of July, approximately ¾ acre. Camp fire at beach, a couple other suspicious burn circles, causing concern. Some critique of misleading wording on burn ban signs at entrance to island. Anticipate being short staffed next week.

Chief Riggs: Potential new member. Interested in sending new recruit to South Skagit Academy in September. Strawberry Social was huge success again. Hoping for interest in volunteering; one individual interested. Skagit 911 new fee schedule anticipated. To address the overdumping of calls for 521, a 3

minute delay will be programmed to inform the system that the unit is farther afield than town units. County is doing a study regarding death causality, including Chuckanut Drive as statistical source of deaths. Training moving into quarter 3, recently offsite at Burlington's Conex boxes.

Chief Leander: Training has been classroom including confined space awareness, VSB practice. Still inventorying the water sources for drafting on the properties on Chuckanut Mountain. Rope rescue will be first Monday in August on Chuckanut Drive.

The three Chiefs met to talk about engine replacements, surplussing. Concluded that they need to meet with Commissioners to come up with a more formal plan, particularly regarding sources of revenue. Also more long-term concerns with replacing SCBAs, other equipment. The most recent long-range plan drafted by the District expired a couple years ago. Commissioner Damon emphasized that the budget does not allow to address both apparatus and equipment needs. Also noted that ranting agencies have unknowable futures. Further discussion of unpredictable cost of goods, plus the increase in costly regulations. Need a dedicated meeting to address these big costs. Suggested start with addressing the most pressing needs, in short, medium, and long term forecasts. Further discussion of engine uses.

As well, determined that having a spare engine in the district seems necessary, considering how often engines are taken out of service for repair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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 July 2, 2025, in the amount of \$417.42 and submitted on July 3, 2025. Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve all expenses on the voucher dated July 16, 2025 in the amount of \$3,313.82.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Tom Perry, Chairman

Kirk Damon, Commissioner

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Allen, Edison, Samish Island

David Lohman, Commissioner

Sarah Smith, Secretary