



Board of Commissioners Meeting

May 28, 2025

Commissioner Hutcheson opened a regular Board of Commissioners meeting at 4:30pm. This meeting was also available to the public via Zoom. The following attended:

Commissioner Hallanger

Commissioner Olson

Commissioner Headley

Chief Goldstein

DC Huff

DC Stich

Finance Director Ballinger

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Commissioner Hallanger made a motion to approve the April 23, 2025 board meeting minutes as is. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None

Oath of Office:

Firefighter/Paramedic Brian Schafer is our newest hire and took the oath of office administered by Commissioner Hutcheson. Congratulations and welcome Brian!

There were three promotions recognized tonight. Garrett Johnson was promoted to Driver Operator. Robert Brown was promoted to Lieutenant. Dan Cothren was promoted to Battalion Chief. Congratulations to all three employees who have worked hard for their promotions.

Awards & Recognition:

None

Verbal Reports:

None

Written Reports:

None

Action Items:

Accept Grant from Cowlitz County: Staff presented an interlocal agreement, which accepts a \$300,000 grant from Cowlitz County to support improvements at St 24 in Rose Valley.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to accept the \$300,000 grant from Cowlitz County, and Chief Goldstein to sign the Interlocal Grant Agreement. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Resolution# 869-2025: Changing Regular Meeting Schedule: A resolution was prepared to change the regularly scheduled board meetings to one per month on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:30pm at our headquarters station located at 701 Vine St in Kelso.

A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve Resolution# 869-2025: Changing Regular Meeting Schedule with an edit. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

- We currently have four vacancies that need to be filled on the line. Staff anticipates giving conditional offers next week.
- We anticipate having a couple of people make a trip to Wisconsin in July to inspect the new engine for delivery in August, as long as everything checks out during the inspection visit.
- Staff recommends selling E01 and E05, then purchasing a used engine. The Board supports this plan. Staff will come back when needed for appropriate approvals.
- Chief Goldstein was elected to the WA Fire Chiefs (WFC) Board for Position #7 last week.

Payroll:

Commissioner Hallanger made a motion to approve payroll totaling \$351,214.37 for warrant numbers 66812-66822 and EFTs dated May 5, 2025, and \$363,819.96 for warrant numbers 66877-66886 and EFTs dated May 20, 2025. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

Commissioner Headley made a motion to approve vouchers totaling \$129,942.46 for warrant numbers 66823-66876 dated May 15, 2025, and \$40,580.80 for warrant numbers 66887-66930 dated May 29, 2025. Commissioner Hallanger seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Drill Points:

Commissioner Hallanger made a motion to approve drill points totaling \$18,778.50 for warrant numbers 66808-66811 and EFTs dated April 30, 2025. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Commissioner Cameron is not running for another term. He has served as a commissioner since January 2022. Chief Goldstein will be reaching out to him so staff can plan a recognition gathering sometime this year to honor his dedication and years of service to the District.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Hutcheson at 5:09pm.

Commissioner

District Secretary