



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY
CONSOLIDATED FIRE
DISTRICTS 26 & 28**

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Business Meeting Minutes, July 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 19:07. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, and Commissioners Kate Hayes, Michelle Adie, Mike Moore, Molly Olson, Leigh Christianson and Doug Rupp. Commissioners Dean Johnson and Tim Folsom's absences were excused. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, and Secretaries Linda Larsen and Karen McPeters (Recorder). District residents Lora Cox, Joe Beavers, and Tom McMasters-Stone were also present.

Public Commentary:

Ms. Cox noted that the FD 28 website contains outdated information regarding the distance a recreational fire is required to be from a structure. With the consolidation of service with FD 26, prior regulations in place for FD 28 are no longer in effect. The website will be updated to direct readers to the 26 website for information.

Mr. Beavers requested that the District weigh in on a lawsuit regarding the Singletary timber sale. A re-conveyance of a 25-acre portion of the original 187 acre sale, to Snohomish County Parks and Recreation, was followed by a lawsuit blocking the current 166-acre sale. Following Mr. Beavers' explanation of the lawsuit and the tax impacts, the commissioners discussed the District's position and determined not to weigh in at this time.

Chief's Report

Mutual Aid Agreement: The mutual aid agreement, which includes all Snohomish County agencies and adjacent agencies, has been updated to include language for ending mutual aid at any incident verbally. This is a draft. The final agreement will be available next month for signing.

Bill moved to authorize Chief Andrews to sign the final interlocal agreement for mutual response on behalf of the District. With a second from Molly, the motion passed unanimously.

Service Calls: Calls are 21% over call volume at this time last year.

State Mobilizations: Resources have been sent on two mobilizations to Eastern WA so far this summer.

Lieutenant Positions: Congratulations Schuyler Murphy, Willis Reed, and Andy Lauer on your

promotions to Fire Lieutenant! Following a very competitive exam that included a written exam, an interview panel, and a scenario-based evaluation practical, these 3 were selected.

Operations

New Engine Update: The Wet Down/ Push In ceremony will be on Saturday, July 15, at 10:00. A small reception will follow, and the new lieutenants will be pinned.

Resident and Volunteer Programs: Three of the new residents are moved in and going on calls. The remaining four will be moved in by mid-August, and will attend the combined fire academy to be put on jointly by Districts 7 and 26 in September. 7 potential out-of-district volunteers will be interviewed this month as well.

Consent Agenda

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve District 26/28 vouchers 344-17 through 390-17 for a total of \$45,550.91. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously. Pat moved to approve District 28 vouchers 17-076 and 17-077 for \$60,674.00. With a second from Leigh, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$71,633.26 and with a second from Mike, the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Michelle moved to approve the minutes from the May 10 Consolidated District 26/28 meeting, and with a second from Kate, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Merger Timeline: Karen prepared a tentative timeline for the process for the final merger. The SEPA checklist will be submitted and a public meeting scheduled as soon as possible, to start the process.

Policies 10 and 11: Policies 10 and 11 were presented for commissioner review and approval at the August meeting.

Action Items

Petition to Merge: The Board of Commissioners of SCFPD 28 presented a formal petition to the Board of Commissioners of SCFPD 26 to merge FD 28 into FD 26. Bill moved to accept the petition, and with a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Policies 8 and 9: Bill moved to approve Policies 8: Fire Suppression Operations, and 9: Hazardous Material Incidents, with minor grammatical edits. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

BBQ for Chiefs and Commissioners: The annual bbq for Chiefs and Commissioners will be held on July 20th.

The next meeting of the combined District 26/28 will be on August 9 at 19:00 at the resident house across from Station 55.

Meeting adjourned at 20:27.