



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

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Business Meeting Minutes, February 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 19:22. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, and Commissioners Molly Olson, Kate Hayes, Michelle Adie, Mike Moore, Doug Rupp and Tim Folsom. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews and Secretary Karen McPeters (Recorder). The absences of Commissioners Leigh Christianson and Dean Johnson were excused.

Public Commentary: There was no public commentary.

Chief's Report

Loss of Volunteer Sam Grafton: Long time volunteer Sam Grafton died in a kayaking accident on the Saturday preceding the commissioners' meeting. A tremendous loss to both the department, and the community of Index, Sam will be greatly missed. The fire department mourns along with the Grafton family, and has been standing watch until Sam returns to Index. The memorial for Sam will take place on March 3rd.

The district changed our Accidental D and D coverage 2 years ago, and Sam's family will be able to receive a life insurance benefit as a result.

The unions for several local departments paid the cost of the funeral home.

Medical Services Administrator: Matt Abers has taken the position of MSA and would like to see if Corey Wenzel could be appointed MSO.

GMET: The GMET contract has been completed.

Merger Timeline: The ballot measure has been sent to the elections board, and all steps are completed leading up to the vote. There are still no members of Pro or Con committees.

Consent Agenda

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve District 26/28 vouchers 047-2018 through 092-2018 for a total of \$74,371.75. With a second from Doug, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$85,169.69 and with a second from Tim, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Action Items

Conflict of Interest Letter: Leigh requested that the commissioners agree to a letter stating that she recuse herself in the event of any conflict of interest with her position as a commissioner for the Town of Index.

Old Business

Station 54 Development: Bill reported that he has been discussing the project with Frank Lawhead, and plans are being made for setting a budget and proceeding with applications for a conditional use permit. A geohazard survey will need to be set up as well. Bill will be meeting with Harmsen to begin the concept, plan and budget creation.

New Business

Pancake Breakfast: A pancake breakfast is planned for April 21 in Index.

Cellphone Service: The lack of cell phone signal on the Index-Galena Road has been a long time problem for residents of the area, and poses a significant hazard to residents who do not have any way to call out in the event of an emergency. The district will look into requesting funds from Snoh Co 911 which are set aside for 911 connectivity.

Other Business

Sky Valley Community Awards: The district will be giving years-of-service awards at this event, Saturday, Feb 17 in Gold Bar.

The next meeting of the combined District 26/28 will be on March 14 at 19:00 at Station 53 in Gold Bar.

Meeting adjourned at 20:13.