

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 17
Purpose: Regular Monthly Public Fire Commissioners Meeting
Location: Guemes Island Fire Station
Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2026

Commissioner Haggerty called the **Regular Fire Commissioners** meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Commissioners Haggerty, Meekins and Vammen; Fire Chief Cole, Secretary Davelaar. Guest Brenan Filippini

The motion was made by Commissioner Haggerty to approve the minutes of June 8, 2026; **motion seconded, motion carried.**

Open:

Treasurer's Report:

Skagit County Treasurer's General Ledger Detail Report

July Operating Fund cash balance		\$41,479.71	
July General Investment Fund balance		\$139,270.14	
July Capital Fund cash balance		\$10,046.81	
July Capital Investment Fund balance		\$122,543.68	
Total			\$313,340.34
July Expenditures	Expenses	\$18,659.74	
	Payroll	\$ 5,346.79	
Expense Grand Total			\$24,006.53
July GIFD Revenue:	Tax Collection	\$ 1,425.02	
	Donation	\$ 700.00	
	Interest	\$ 454.03	
July GIFD Total Revenue			\$2,579.05

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Fire Payments:	FP 07-001 to 07-004	\$ 15,931.86
Electronic Payments:	V9360-0701 to V9360-0704	\$ 408.39
	V5202-0701 to V5202-0708	\$ 851.12
	V5095-0701	\$ 26.50
Payroll Voucher:	PR 072026	\$ 5,346.79

July Grand Total Expenses	\$24,006.53
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Commissioner Meekins made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, **motion seconded, motion carried.**

Chief's Report: See report for a list of drills and responses.

Unfinished Business:

- Commissioner vacancy update: Marnet Vammen has been appointed as interim commissioner, position 2, oath of office has been taken.
- Review website, Google Drive layout and sharing process: Chief's Reports need to be uploaded to shared drives. Contracts and agreements should be added; Annual Reports, Resolutions, Budget and Fire Payments are all there.
- Fire department website: Add Google Calendar, missing Chief's Reports, meetings on calendar, Life Flight (under Resources). Brennan Filippini is working with the chief on the website to update these additions.
- gfire@guemesfire.org is our generic fire email, which will be attached to website
- Cash Spending and Investment Plan: Commissioner Haggerty put together the Cash and Investment Policy, which will be reviewed and posted to Google Shared Drives.
- Ambulance replacement: Commissioner Haggerty has information on several available grants. Chief Cole mentioned that the brush rig is also getting close to replacement status; repair via replacement pump for the brush rig is also a possibility.

New Business:

- Public contacting the fire department: encouraging folks to contact 911 instead of calling the chief; emphasizing the unmanned status of the fire department; firing up the extra cell phone with a recorded message saying, "call 911," similar to what is used in the medical field.
- Suggestion to start a campaign for identifying pets in the community; CO2 masks are available for dogs, cats, and birds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next regular meeting will be held at the Guemes Island fire station on **Monday, September 14, 2026 at 7 pm.**

Next Resolution will be 495.

Submitted by Linda Davelaar, District Secretary

Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman