

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

**February 9, 2026**

Commissioner Wertheimer called the **Regular Fire Commissioners** meeting to order at 6:57 pm.

**Present:** Commissioners Wertheimer, and Haggerty; Fire Chief Cole and Secretary Davelaar; virtual attendance by Commissioner Meekins.

The motion was made by Commissioner Haggerty to approve the minutes of January 12, 2026; **motion seconded; motion carried.**

**Open:** Commissioner Meekins discussed attending the March commissioner’s training in Spokane; considering attending via Zoom; inquiring about methods of payment. If a credit card is used, the fire district will reimburse the commissioner; if charged at the time of enrollment, the WFCOA will bill the fire district for payment.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

<b>January Expenditures</b>	Expenses	\$8,084.39	
	Payroll	\$5,958	
<b>Expense Grand Total</b>			<b>\$14,043.13</b>
<b>January GIFD Revenue:</b>	Taxes collected	\$ 31.90	
	Donations	\$1,100.00	
	Interest	\$ 195.61	
	<b>January GIFD Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$1,327.51</b>

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Fire Payments:	FP 01-01 to 01-05	\$6,329.41	
Electronic Payments:	V9360-0101 to V9360-0105	\$ 681.37	
	V0591-0101 to V0591-0108	\$ 587.48	
	V5095-0101 to V5095-0109	\$ 486.13	
Payroll Voucher:	PR 012026	\$ 5,958.74	
<b>January Grand Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$14,043.13</b>

January VFF Stipends (banked monthly)                      \$1,990.00

The motion was made by Commissioner Wertheimer to approve the above Expenditures and Revenue Report; **motion seconded; motion carried.**

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

**Unfinished Business:**

- Fire blanket acquisition; Chief Cole determined that more research is required; they have not had great reviews overall. Commissioner Haggerty will forward information from another municipality to the chief for consideration.
- Knox key lock system details to be provided
- Transfer of information from external hard drive to Google Docs; coming soon; Chief Cole will be adding us to the sign-in for Google Docs.

**New Business:**

- Oaths of Office for Commissioners Meekins and Haggerty; oaths of office were taken in front of a notary and forwarded to the Skagit County Auditor.
- Resolution 488 Approve 2026 Excel Worksheets as updated and revised has been prepared for signatures; in the future we will consider switching to Google Sheets for our budget and payments worksheets.
- Commissioner Haggerty shared information about selecting a committee, appointing a commissioner to head the committee, which does not need to hold public meetings; Haggerty's potential committee would cover grants, capital planning, budgeting and reporting.  
**Commissioner Meekins moved that we appoint Haggerty to create a financial committee; motion seconded; motion carried.** Other committee considerations could be compliance and website review.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm. The next regular meeting will be held at the Guemes Island fire station on **Monday, March 9, 2026.**

**Next Resolution will be 489.**

Submitted by Linda Davelaar, District Secretary

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Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman