

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

July 8, 2026

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

Present: Commissioners Meekins and Haggerty; Fire Chief Cole, Secretary Davelaar. Guest Marnet Vammen via Google Meets.

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

Open:

Treasurer's Report:

Skagit County Treasurer's General Ledger Detail Report

Not available until Monday, July 13, 2026, at which time Secretary Davelaar will forward the report to the commissioners.

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Fire Payments:	FP 05-001 to 06-003	\$1,786.75
Electronic Payments:	V9360-0601 to V9360-0605	\$ 795.35
	V5202-0601 to V5202-0614	\$1,904.36
	V5095-0601 to V5095-0602	\$ 129.03
Payroll Voucher:	PR 062026	\$5,271.73
	VFF 2 nd Qtr 2026	\$7,400.00

June Grand Total Expenses

\$17,287.22

Chief's Report: See report for a list of drills and responses. New recruit, Stephanie Garza, has joined the department. Chief Cole prepared a handout for the commissioners, prioritizing replacement and repair of vehicles and equipment. Chief Cole will consult with Chief Noyes in Anacortes regarding surplus equipment acquisitions.

Unfinished Business:

- Fund transfers have been completed as directed at last month's meeting. See Resolution 493 and 494.
- Commissioner vacancy update: Marnet Vammen has been appointed as interim commissioner, position 2; she will take the oath of office before the August meeting. Varied background in business; very interested in supporting the fire department and working with our small group to upgrade our equipment and enhance community outreach.
- Review website, Google Drive layout and sharing process: Commissioner Meekins. Worked with Linda on Shared Drives; she will create the current content, and all others will be able to read them. Chief's Reports will also need to be uploaded to shared drives. Contracts and agreements should be added; Annual Reports, Resolutions, Budget and Fire Payments are all there. Add

Google Calendar to fire department website: Brennan Filippini has taken on the IT job for our website and will be working on this with Chief Cole, as well as adding fire fighter profiles.

- gfire@guemesfire.org is our generic fire email, which will be attached to website.

New Business:

- Change meeting date for July; Resolution 492 has been prepared for signature
- Property acquisition to build new fire station vs. expanding the present building to max out our property footprint: Commissioner Meekins discussed several alternatives. There are architects on the island who might be willing to give us ideas for future expansion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm. The next regular meeting will be held at the Guemes Island fire station on **Monday, August 10, 2026 at 7 pm.**

Next Resolution will be 495.

Submitted by Linda Davelaar, District Secretary

Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman