

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

May 11, 2026

Commissioner Haggerty called the **Regular Fire Commissioners** meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Present: Commissioners Meekins and Haggerty; Fire Chief Cole and Secretary Davelaar.

The motion was made by Commissioner Haggerty to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026; **motion carried.**

Open:

Treasurer's Report:

Skagit County Treasurer's General Ledger Detail Report

April Operating Fund cash balance		\$160,666.32
April General Investment Fund balance		\$17,506.85
April Capital Fund cash balance		\$56,794.81
April Capital Investment Fund balance		\$36,951.35
Total		\$271,919.33

April Expenditures	Expenses	\$3,781.02	
	Payroll	\$5,361.65	
Expense Grand Total			\$9,142.67

April GIFD Revenue:	Tax Collection	\$118,847.61
	Donations	\$ 275.00
	Interest	\$ 197.73
April GIFD Total Revenue		\$120,285.34

The following vouchers are approved for payment:

Fire Payments:	FP 04-01 to 04-02	\$1,369.61
Electronic Payments:	V9360-0401 to V9360-0404	\$ 730.07
	V5202-0401 to V5202-0412	\$ 1,334.42
	V5095-0401 to V5095-0405	\$ 346.92
Payroll Voucher:	PR 042026	\$ 5,361.65
April Grand Total Expenses		\$9,142.67

April VFF Stipend (banked monthly) \$2,445.00

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

Chief's Report: See report for a list of drills and responses. Chief Cole recommended that the fire district subscribe to Vector Solutions for their fire training modules and skill building; commissioners concur. Commissioner Meekins has volunteered to donate the funds of approximately \$2,100 for the first year.

Unfinished Business:

- Website: issues reported by Commissioner Meekins have been addressed: Davelaar's name spelled correctly; Meeting Minutes and Chief's Reports have been converted from Word documents to PDFs to prevent revisions by website visitors.

New Business:

- Resolution 490 transferring funds from general fund to capital fund has been prepared for signature.
- Resolution 491 appointing Commissioner Haggerty as Chairman of the Board has been prepared for signature.
- County plans for parking lot "upgrade" at the ferry dock discussed: objections letter to the county from the commissioners, based on safety issues relating to the one-way ingress and egress seen on the plans, is planned; Chief Cole will draft some points to address in the letter, for example, the need for the planned upgrade has not been identified.
- Annual Report is due May 30, 2026; the secretary will send the report to the commissioners.
- Commissioner Haggerty addressed the fact that county property is exempt from property tax; should we enter into a conversation with other districts to see if there are agreements to receive in lieu funds from the county? Haggerty will investigate online to find any precedents.
- Search for a commissioner to fill the empty position is ongoing.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next regular meeting will be held at the Guemes Island fire station on **Monday, June 8, 2026.**

Next Resolution will be 492.

Submitted by Linda Davelaar, District Secretary

Skagit County Fire District 17, Chairman