

**Whatcom County Fire District #4
via Zoom Meeting
4142 Britton Loop, Bellingham, WA 98226
12:00 p.m.
May 12k, 2025
Regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cooley called the regular Whatcom County Fire District #4 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting for May 12, 2025, to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendees: Chairman Steve Cooley; Vice-Chairman Tim Johnson; Fire Commissioner Mark Lann; Fire Chief Jason Van der Veen.

With the rescission of Proclamation 20-28, the district continues to do its best to provide accommodations to the public. A direct link allowing the public to participate in the meeting during the public comment section was included on the meeting agenda and posted on the District's website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes
 - a) April 14, 2024 – regular
2. Staff Reports – Chief / Operations / Training / Technical Support
3. Financial Report
 - a) Total Revenue – April \$1,521,189.21
 - b) Total Expenditures – May \$3,125.90
4. Voucher / Payroll / Benefits
 - a) Monthly Expenditure Payroll Voucher: \$483.00
 - b) Monthly Expenditure Voucher: \$2,642.90

MOTION: Commissioner Lann moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Johnson and approved 3-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Britton Rd/Northern Heights Annexation: Chief Van der Veen stated that there is still no update on the proposed annexation.

Chief Van der Veen and the attorney drafted a letter that was sent to the Bellingham City Mayor requesting a meeting to review the original 1997 agreement regarding the sixty percent (60%) question. Chief Van der Veen will reach out to set up the initial meeting.

Tender and Fire Engine Purchase: Chief Van der Veen noted that there are currently no demo tenders available for purchase. The fire engine committee has been in contact with Pierce, who has quoted a preliminary price of \$1,003,000.

Chief Van der Veen requested that these topics be tabled until an upcoming Board meeting.

Chief Van der Veen stated that he does not want to proceed with an engine purchase until the exterior project for Britton Loop Station 12 is underway and no hidden costs are discovered.

Britton Loop Station 12 Exterior Project: Chief Van der Veen announced that the district is waiting on permit approval from the Whatcom County Planning Commission before the project can proceed.

There was discussion regarding informing constituents about the upcoming project through social media, sandwich boards, and a press release. Construction hours will also be posted.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

CORRESPONDENCE

- To Mayor Lund, City of Bellingham re: Annexation (60% question)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **June Board Meeting Attendance Query:** All Commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner Lann (tentative), are expected to attend the June 16 meeting via Zoom.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Britton Rd/Northern Heights Annexation
- Tender and Engine Purchase
- Britton Loop Station 12 Exterior Project

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jennie Sand, Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Steve Cooley, Chairman

Tim Johnson, Vice-Chairman

Mark Lann, Commissioner

Jason Van der Veen, Fire Chief