

**Whatcom County Fire District #4  
via Zoom Meeting  
4142 Britton Loop, Bellingham, WA 98226  
12:00 p.m.  
August 14, 2023  
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 August 14, 2023, 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) July 17, 2023 – regular
2. Staff Reports – Chief / Operations / Training / Technical Support
3. Financial Report
  - a) Expense Fund Revenue – July \$30,273.21
  - b) Total Expenditures – August \$6,805.00
4. Voucher / Payroll / Benefits
  - a) Monthly Expenditure Payroll Voucher: \$6,165.00
  - b) Monthly Expenditure Voucher: \$640.00

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

Chief Van der Veen noted that the Chief's Report would be sent out at a later date.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Smith Road Station 13 Claim of Lien:** Chief Van der Veen noted that Attorney Eric Quinn sent a letter to address the claim of lien by CFR Electric Services, which is expected to be rescinded in the near future.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Contract for Services Extension:** With the approval of the recent levy lid lift ballot measure, Chief Van der Veen proposed that the two Board Chairs meet separately to discuss the contract for services extension terms. Any action or additional discussion would be concluded during each Board's regular open meeting in September.

Chairman Cooley stated that he would contact District 21's Board Chair to arrange a meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Northern Light article re: Levy Lid Lift
- Lynden Tribune article re: Levy Lid Lift
- From Chairman Cooley to D4 Community re: Levy Lid Lift

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **September Board Meeting Attendance Query:** All Commissioners present are expected to attend the September 18 meeting via Zoom.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

- Contract for Services Extension
- Commissioner Indebted Bond Presentation

On behalf of the Board Chairman, Cooley expressed his appreciation to the citizens of District 4 for their support and for approving the levy lid lift.

Tim Johnson thanked Chairman Cooley and Chief Van der Veen for moderating the public hearing meetings regarding the levy, providing valuable information, and answering questions as they evolved.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** There being no further business, Chairman Cooley moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Johnson and approved 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Jennie Sand, Board Secretary

**ATTEST:**

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Steve Cooley, Chairman

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Tim Johnson, Vice-Chairman

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Mark Lann, Commissioner

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Jason Van der Veen, Fire Chief