

Whatcom County Fire District #4
4142 Britton Loop, Bellingham, WA 98230
12:00 p.m.
June 15, 2026
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 June 15, 2026, to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendees: Chairman Steve Cooley; Vice-Chairman Tim Johnson; Fire Commissioner Mark Lann; District 21 Commissioner Bruce Ansell; Fire Chief Jason Van der Veen; Deputy Fire Chief Tony Melillo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes
 - a) May 18, 2026
2. Staff Reports – Chief / Operations / Training / Technical Support
3. Financial Report
 - a) Total Revenues – May \$2,990,194.32
 - b) Total Expenditures – June \$966.00
4. Voucher / Payroll / Benefits
 - a) Direct Deposit Payroll - \$966.00

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

Vice-Chairman Johnson requested clarification regarding the budget positions. Chief Van der Veen explained that some funds were transferred to reserves to capture additional investment income.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Britton Loop Drill Ground Project Update: Chief Van der Veen noted that the project is in progress; however, the district is still waiting on permits and the contractor's availability.

Britton Loop Training Room HVAC: Chief Van der Veen noted that the project is in progress; however, the district is still waiting on permits and the contractor's availability.

Environmental Concerns (ReSource): Chief Van der Veen and Vice-Chairman Johnson met with ReSource to hear their concerns about PFAS contamination at the training ground.

Vice-Chairman Johnson and Chief Van der Veen thanked them for raising their concerns and said they would contact the Department of Ecology.

Vice-Chairman Johnson reached out to the Department of Ecology to arrange a meeting. A response has not yet been received. The Board discussed their concerns, but until they meet with the Department of Ecology, no path can be established.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **July Board Meeting Attendance Query:** All commissioners plan to attend the July 13 Board Meeting via Zoom.

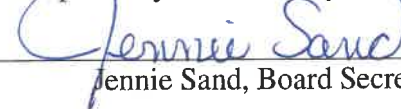
AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Training Ground Project Update
- HVAC
- Environmental Concerns (St 12)

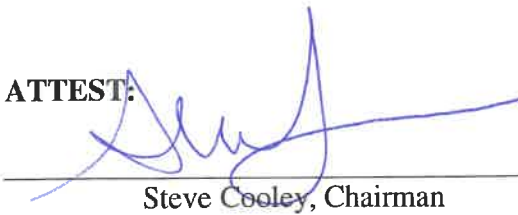
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 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