



Grant County Fire District No. 8

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Board of Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Grant County Fire Protection District No. 8 was held on January 13, 2026. The meeting was held in person and via Zoom. Information for the public to participate was posted on our website and on the door of the main station. The meeting was recorded by Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 16:12 by Chair Commissioner Russell Brixey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Commissioners present: Russell Brixey, Scott Nesbit, Joshua Seanard, and Richard Jenkin. A quorum was established. A motion was made to excuse Commissioner Debra Crain as she had requested.

Motion: Nesbit. Second: Jenkin. Motion approved unanimously.

Others present: Chief Matt Hyndman, District Secretary Barbara Davis, FF/EMT Christian Robbins (Zoom)

There were no members of the public in attendance to be welcomed and invited to comment.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion: Jenkin. Second: Seanard. Motion approved unanimously.**

Oath of Office: Davis stated that Commissioner Brixey was reelected in November 2025. She gave Commissioner Brixey his oath of office. Commissioner Brixey spoke his oath of office and signed the form. All congratulated him.

Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair: Commissioner Brixey opened nominations for Board Chair. Commissioner Nesbit nominated Commissioner Crain, and she accepted the nomination via phone. Commissioner Brixey asked for any other nominations and there were none, so he closed nominations. The Board voted for Debra Crain as Board Chair with 4 ayes. Commissioner Brixey opened nominations for Board Vice Chair. Commissioner Nesbit nominated Commissioner Jenkin and he accepted the nomination. Commissioner Brixey asked for any other nominations and there were none, so he closed nominations. The Board voted with 3 ayes and 1 abstention. Commissioner Brixey continued to run the meeting in Commissioner Crain's absence.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda with Vouchers, Payroll, and Transactions was reviewed. Vouchers were audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expenses reimbursed claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, having been recorded on a listing that was made available to the Board. A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion: Nesbit. Second: Seanard. Motion approved unanimously.** The documents were signed by the Board.

Chief's Report: Chief reviewed his written report. Call volume in December: 33 calls - EMS 28, Fire 5; this was about 1% less than last year and called attention to the charts after his written report. Chief reported on apparatus repairs and maintenance for various apparatuses, specifically Ladder 81 and the boat. Chief stated that he hired Les Sandstrom as the Assistant Chief of Operations position and reported that he is a great addition to the District. He stated that all the resident positions have been filled and once they have gone through the onboarding process, we will be back to two on each shift. Chief reviewed the completed trainings and the training schedule including training for boat operators.

Chief provided a garage project update including drawings. There was discussion on the HVAC system and other details. Chief reviewed the status of the grant applications including some DNR grants. He said we will update the AFG Apparatus Grant details and resubmit it when the grant cycle opens. Chief announced that he attended the law enforcement appreciation lunch last week and he reported that he contacted some state officials regarding funding for a training center and resident quarters. He stated he and Les would be going to Olympia on the 29th for WFC Legislation Day. He said he had nothing further and there were no other questions.

Business Manager/District Secretary's Report: Secretary Davis reviewed her written report and the available financial reports. Cost recovery for responses was discussed. Davis reported that she and Les had the kickoff meeting with Lexipol last month and weekly meetings were scheduled this morning for Tuesday mornings at 9:00. Davis stated she had nothing further and there were no questions.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Additional Business: There was discussion on the left turn on SR 243 S at Rd 22.5 SW. Chief said that he had spoken with Tom Dent about it and he planned to speak to others at Legislation Day. There was more discussion on safety issues.

Executive Session: None

Announcements & Upcoming Events

1. Next regular meeting: February 10, 2026, at 16:00 via Zoom and in person.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 17:04 hours.

Board Chair

District Secretary

Date

Date