



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 April 14, 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 16:00 by Chair Commissioner Debra Crain.

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Commissioners present: Debra Crain, Richard Jenkin, Joshua Seanard, Scott Nesbit, and Russell Brixey. A quorum was established.

Others present: Chief Matt Hyndman, District Secretary Barbara Davis, Assistant Chief Les Sandstrom

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: Seanard. Second: Brixey. Motion approved unanimously.**

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: Seanard. Second: Jenkin. Motion approved unanimously.** The documents were signed by the Board.

Chief's Report: Chief reviewed his written report. Call volume in March: 44 calls - EMS 38, Fire 6; this was a 1% increase from last year. Chief reported on apparatus repairs and maintenance for various apparatuses. Chief reported that we refreshed our hiring list and hired Cameron Gumke after a career employee gave notice. He was a resident with us for nearly two years. We have one open resident position. Chief provided a garage project update. The project and permitting process was discussed. He reported that weed spraying would start soon. Chief announced we were awarded the DNR Operations grant for \$20,000 and said it would be used for computers, backup cameras for the brush trucks, and so on. Chief announced that the Awards dinner and golf tournament was Saturday, April 25. Chief stated that he would have Assistant Chief Sandstrom give a report on training events today and going forward then he said he had nothing further and there were no questions.

Assistant Chief's Report: Chief Sandstrom reviewed his written report. He reviewed the training completed in March, outlined the training scheduled in April, and discussed future training events in May, June, and over the summer. Commissioner Brixey asked about boat training and designated boat drivers. Sandstrom stated that boat training was last weekend through the State and the class met the NFPA standards. Commissioner Brixey asked how the boat would be transported and Chief stated it would be towed by a command truck or BRU818. Sandstrom stated 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. Davis reported that the Lexipol policy manual was coming along as planned and there was discussion on the details. She stated that the Lexipol rep was supposed to be in touch about the procedure manual. Davis reported that she received the Treasurer's reports from the County for the Annual

Report and she would work on it to be submitted before the May 30 deadline. Davis stated she had nothing further and there were no questions.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Strategic Planning Workshop – Davis stated she left this on the agenda in case there was any follow up discussion from the workshop. The garage project was discussed.

New Business:

- 1. POL 4.1.15 Mechanic Job Description – Davis provided the Board with the draft job description for review. She stated that it still needed legal review, but she would have that before the next meeting.
- 2. Resolution 2024-005 Establish Service Charges and Fees Schedule C Update – Davis stated that starting October 1, 2025, Washington state law (ESSB 5814) expanded retail sales tax to include many previously exempt professional services. The newly taxed services include first aid CPR classes. She proposed increasing Schedule C items by \$5.00 for each item to include sales tax. There was discussion on tax reporting requirements. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2024-005 Establish Service Charges and Fees Schedule C as presented. **Motion: Brixey. Second: Seanard. Motion approved unanimously.**

Additional Business:

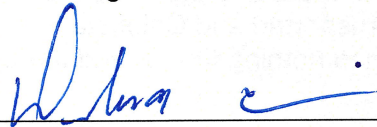
- Commissioner Seanard commented that the personnel issue investigation was expensive in legal fees and overtime. Chief agreed and stated that he learned a lot during the process and personnel issues would be handled differently in the future.
- Commissioner Crain commented that someone drove an ambulance on Edgewater Way SW in Desert Aire too fast and it was not safe. Chief stated that he was aware of the problem and it had been addressed. He said he would remind drivers again.
- Commissioner Brixey stated his intent to submit his resignation letter next month. He stated that he plans to reside primarily in Idaho but would be keeping his property here for the time being. He stated he could continue to serve until August so the Board would have time to interview and appoint a new board member.

Executive Session: None

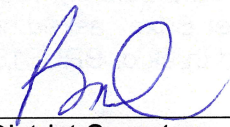
Announcements & Upcoming Events

- 1. Next regular meeting: May 12, 2026, at 16:00 via Zoom and in person.
- 2. High School Career Day: April 23, 2026
- 3. Awards Dinner and Golf Tournament: April 25, 2026. Golf at 13:00, social at 17:00, dinner at 18:00 with awards following dinner.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 16:54 hours.



 Board Chair



 District Secretary

5-12-26

 Date

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