WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.14
REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
August 11, 2026

PRESENT: Commissioner RobRoy Graham, Commissioner Russell Vreugdenhil, District Chief Jerry DeBruin, Assistant District Chief David Moe, Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr., EMS Captain/District Administrator Heather Ripke-Olson

Absent: Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp, Commissioner Chris Moe

Meeting called to order at 4:02 PM.

Items approved and signed by the Commissioners:

- Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2026
- Financial Reports
- Approval of Current Warrants and Payroll
  - Warrants in the amount of $63,706.45 and ACH $2153.33
  - Payroll in the amount of $79,929.43
- BVFF – Voucher

July 2026 Treasurers Report:

71400 Expense Fund

Beginning Cash Balance	$901,760.35
Tax Receipts	$8763.69
Misc. Receipts	$172,689.00
Leasehold	-
Forest Board	-
Timber Excise	-
Net Cash Transfer	-
Disbursements	($188,925.18)
Refund Interest Paid	(11.35)
Ending Cash Balance	$894,276.51
Beginning Investment Balance	$36,620.24
Earnings Less Fees	$119.25
Ending Investment Balance	$36,739.49
Total Cash & Investment Pool	**$931,016.00**

71401 Reserve Fund

• Beginning Cash Balance	$514,461.75
• Misc. Receipts	$27,000.00
• Net Investments	($400,000.00)
• Net Cash Transfer	-
• Ending Cash Balance	$168,461.75
• Beginning Investment Balance	$702,777.28
• Earnings Less Fees	$2,288.61
• Net Investment Activity	$400,000.00
• Ending Investment Balance	$1,105,065.89
• **Total Cash & Investment Pool**	**$1,273,527.64**

71403 Go Bond

• Beginning Cash Balance	$0.23
• Net Cash Transfers	-
• Disbursements	-
• Ending Cash Balance	$0.23
• Beginning Debt Balance	$818,112.37
• Net Debt Activity	-
• Ending Debt Balance	$818,112.37

71402 Mitigation Fees

• Beginning Cash Balance	$1,492.36
• Miscellaneous Receipts	$1,530.14
• Net Investments	-
• Net Cash transfer	-
• Ending Cash Balance	$3,022.50
• Beginning Investment Balance	-
• Ending Investment Balance	-
• Ending Cash Balance & Investment	$3022.50

Bank of the Pacific Statement:

• Beginning Balance (7/01/2026)	$154,529.32
• Deposits/Misc. Credits 23	$19,579.68
• Withdrawals/Misc. Debits 7	$171,538.47
• Ending Balance (7/31/2026)	$2,570.53

Meeting Minutes:

July 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Commissioner Graham **motioned** to accept the Regular meeting minutes. The motion was **seconded** by Commissioner Vreugdenhil and approved

Claim Payment Request & Payroll:

August 2026 Claim Vouchers and Payroll:

Motion: Commissioner Graham **motioned** to accept the Claim Vouchers and Payroll. The motion was **seconded** by Commissioner Vreugdenhil and approved.

Approval of BVFF Invoice Voucher for Reimbursement of New Volunteers Physical Exams:

Motion: Commissioner Vreugdenhil **motioned** to accept the BVFF Invoice Voucher for Reimbursement of New Volunteers Physical Exams: The motion was **seconded** by Commissioner Graham and approved.

Old Business:

District Secretary reported that the Banner Bank loan, held by district, will be paid off on August 17, 2026.

District Chief DeBruin:

- All is going well.
- The district will be sending seven volunteers to Fire Academy which will be starting August 18, 2026
- The district will be sending five volunteers to the East County EMT Class starting August 31, 2026.
- The district has a handful of volunteers mobilized throughout the state helping with wildfire efforts.
- T9102 – currently being fixed

Assistant District Chief Moe:

- C9102 will be picking up his new duty truck on Monday – August 17, 2026.

Station Reports:

Station 91: Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp was absent.

- Nothing new to report.

Station 92: Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr

- All is going well.
- BC 92 reports that he will be holding a Rope Rescue class at the new training center at Station 92 on August 22, 2026.

Station 93:

- Nothing new to report.

New Business:

- Discussion was had about doing some preemptive planning for the next flood season.
- Commissioner Graham reported attending the last Levy Planning Meeting and will keep the group informed on their progress.

Good of the Order:

- Nothing new to report.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM with commissioners in agreement.

The next regular meeting will be on September 8, 2026 at **4:00 PM** at the Kendall Station:

Commissioner-Chair, RobRoy Graham

Commissioner, Chris Moe

Commissioner, Russell Vreugdenhil

District Admin./EMS, Heather R-Olson