



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

PRESENT: Commissioner Chris Moe, 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: Commissioner RobRoy Graham and Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp

Meeting called to order at 4:00PM.

Items approved and signed by the Commissioners:

- Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2026
- Financial Reports
- Unclaimed Property
- BVFF – Vouchers
- Approval of Current Warrants and Payroll
 - Warrants in the amount of \$280,844.62 and ACH \$2,628.36
 - Payroll in the amount of \$90,753.43

March 2026 Treasurers Report:

71400 Expense Fund

• Beginning Cash Balance	\$774,727.39
• Tax Receipts	\$103,936.25
• Misc. Receipts	\$15,687.00
• Leasehold	
• Timber Excise	
• Disbursements	(\$188,781.84)
• Refund Interest Paid	(\$12.98)
• Ending Cash Balance	\$705,555.82
• Beginning Investment Balance	\$36,150.04
• Earnings Less Fees	\$114.86
• Ending Investment Balance	\$36,264.90
• Total Cash & Investment Pool	\$741,820.72

71401 Reserve Fund

• Beginning Cash Balance	\$528,179.39
• Misc. Receipts	\$27,000.00
• Ending Cash Balance	\$555,179.39
• Beginning Investment Balance	\$693,753.84
• Earnings Less Fees	\$2,204.16
• Ending Investment Balance	\$695,958.00
• Total Cash & Investment Pool	\$1,251,137.39

71403 Go Bond

• Net Cash Transfers	
• Disbursements	
• Ending Cash Balance	
• Beginning Debt Balance	\$895,944.47
• Net Debt Activity	
• Ending Debt Balance	\$895,944.47

71442 Mitigation Fees

• Beginning Cash Balance	\$9,700.34
• Beginning Investment Balance	\$1.16
• Ending Investment Balance	\$1.16
• Miscellaneous Receipts	
• Ending Cash Balance and Investment	\$9,701.50

Bank of the Pacific Statement:

• Beginning Balance (3/01/2026)	\$2,206.95
• Deposits/Misc. Credits 28	\$24,821.10
• Withdrawals/Misc. Debits 6	\$15,863.38
• Ending Balance (3/31/2026)	\$11,164.67

Meeting Minutes:

March 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes:

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

Unclaimed Property Authorization – Commissioners Reviewed and Approved Reimbursement for Two Volunteers for Lost or Uncashed Checks.

Motion: Commissioner Vreugdenhil **motioned** to approve reimbursement for two volunteers for their lost or uncashed checks. The motion was **seconded** by Commissioner Moe and approved.

BVFF Report of Injury/Accident of Member. BVFF Invoice Voucher to Reimburse Member for Lost Work Time was Acknowledged, Approved, and Signed by Commissioners.

Claim Payment Request & Payroll:

April 2026 Claim Vouchers and Payroll:

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

Old Business:

Kendall Training Area:

- Discussion was had regarding the Training Structure at Station 92. Project should be completed in next couple of months.
- Discussion was had regarding real estate options for future expansion of Sumas Station 91. Will revisit in the future. Discussion directed towards repairs of Sumas Station 91 due to the flood. Repairs are going well and should be completed in the next couple of months.

District Chief DeBruin:

- Nothing new to report.

Assistant District Chief Moe:

- Assistant District Chief Moe reports that he will be picking up the new ambulance next week. Also reported, that he and Chief DeBruin agreed to drop the number of shifts in order to practice fiscal responsibility and allocate resources effectively.

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, very proud of the station.

Station 93:

- Nothing new to report.

New Business:

Since Commissioner Graham was not able to attend, an email was shared that he sent referring to general funding, fiscal responsibility, and the upcoming EMS Levy Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM with commissioners in agreement.

The next regular meeting will be on **June 9, 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