



THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS 1 & 11  
**WEST THURSTON REGIONAL FIRE  
AUTHORITY**

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June 8, 2026 – Governing Board Business Meeting at 10828 Littlerock Rd SW, Olympia, WA St. 1-2

**Call to Order/Attendance:** Commissioner Scott called the meeting to order at 17:30.

**Commissioners:** Ricks, Culleton, Merryman, White, Reed

**Chief:** N. Drake

**Battalion Chief:** R. Stone, E. Smith

**Captain:**

**Lieutenants:** I. Garza

**Firefighters:** R. Santee, B. Crabb

**Volunteer:**

**Admin:** Admin Svcs Director/Secretary S. Hemminger, Admin Asst. L. Patraca (Zoom), Recruit & Retention Coord. A. Reynoldson

**Union Representative:** A. Trautman

**Guests:** Charlie & Jackie Crabb, Eve Nicholson, Rachel Crabb

**Guests Zoom:** Linda Shea, Emily Morales

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:** None

**Public Comments/Presentations:** None

**Labor Management:** Trautman reported on two retirements in the month of May 2026, and welcome to A. Kautz who was hired to replace one of the retirees. Trautman congratulated B. Crabb on passing probation and being a great asset to the department. Trautman reported the first CBA meeting has taken place with future dates already scheduled to continue contract negotiations.

**New Business:**

1. **Badge Pinning** – B. Crabb has successfully completed his one year probation as a FF/EMT and was recognized at the meeting.
2. **Expenditure Approval** – Commissioner Reed moved to approve the total expenditure amount of \$601,437.04. Commissioner Ricks seconded the motion. Roll taken, motion carried 6-0.
3. **Meeting Minutes** – Commissioner Ricks moved to approve the May 11, 2026, meeting minutes. Commissioner Merryman seconded the motion. Roll taken, motion carried 6-0.

**Unfinished Business (action items):**

1. **BESS** – Chief Drake gave an update on the BESS project. The Thurston County Commissioners approved the project with some conditions; special use decision document provided in the Board Packet. Chief Drake will reach out to Convergent to schedule a meeting to further discuss the RFA's position and needs moving forward. Commissioner Merryman wants Convergent to provide funding for nine FF/EMT's to receive specialized training on how to handle a battery storage disaster, along with the required equipment that will be needed, all Commissioners in support of this request.

**Unfinished Business (non-action items):** None

**Communications:**

1. May 2026 TAP not posted at time of Board Packet completion.
2. Littlerock Rd SW at 113<sup>th</sup> St. SW will be completely closed for 90 days beginning June 15, 2026, for the bridge replacement.

**Department Reports:**

**Chief/Training/EMS/Shift Reports:** Refer to printed reports.

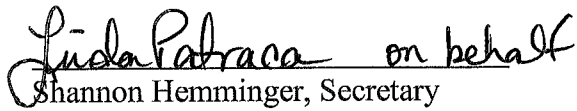
**Recruit & Retention Coordinator Update:** Refer to printed report.

**Commissioner Reports:** Commissioner Ricks reported on Medic One.

**Good of the Order:** None

**Adjournment:** The board adjourned the meeting at 1803 hours.

Submitted for Board approval by:

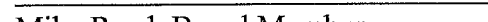
  
Shannon Hemminger, Secretary

  
Tom Culleton, Board Member

  
Robert Scott, Board Member

  
John Ricks, Board Member

  
Jeff Merryman, Board Member

  
Mike Reed, Board Member

  
Chris White, Board Member