



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



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April 13, 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:

Captain:

Lieutenants:

Firefighters: M. Bennett, D. Miller

Volunteer: J. Spiegelberg (zoom)

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

Union Representative: A. Trautman

Guests: Judy Smiley, Kyle Hooper, Bill & Judi Wamsley, Casey Taylor, Glen Bair, Liana Angove-Sowa, Heidi Ayres, Jan Nielsen, Nancy Bay,

Guests Zoom: Katrina

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: None

Public Comments/Presentations: In person guests in attendance to support WTRFA's opposition regarding the BESS project.

Labor Management: A. Trautman – One FF/EMT out on medical, two mandatory over-time this month.

New Business:

1. Expenditure Approval – Commissioner Culleton moved to approve the total expenditure amount of \$771,417.51. Commissioner Merryman seconded the motion. Roll taken, motion carried 6-0.
2. Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Ricks moved to approve the March 3, 2026, Commissioner Workshop, March 9, 2026, Commissioner General Meeting, and March 24, 2026, Commissioner Workshop. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Roll taken, motion carried 6-0.
3. Station Chairs – Chief Drake presented the RFQ for the station chairs, with a recommendation of going with Fire Station Outfitters for \$16,001.33. Commissioner Ricks moved to approve the purchase of 15 new recliners from Fire Station Outfitters. Commissioner Culleton seconded the motion. Roll take, motion carried 6-0.
4. Resolution 2026-004 Misc. Items ^{004 SH} – Commissioner Merryman moved to approve Resolution 2026-004 Misc. Items. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Roll taken, motion carried 6-0.
5. Resolution 2026-005 WTRFA M & O Levy – Commissioner Ricks moved to approve Resolution 2026-005 WTRFA M & O Levy. Commissioner Culleton seconded the motion. Roll taken, motion carried 6-0.

Unfinished Business (action items): None

Unfinished Business (non-action items): None

Communications:

1. March 2026 TAP report provided in the Board Packet.
2. Chief Drake gave an update on BESS.
3. Training Opportunity – Roles & Responsibilities of Fire Commissioners and Fire Chief. For those interested let Shannon know and she will register you.

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. Commissioner Culleton shared the Scott Lake Community is having mini-boat races and a car show. Commissioner Merryman reiterated the need for the dunk tank at Swedes Day Celebration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE PURPOSE OF THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION IS PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110 (c) TO CONSIDER THE MINIMUM PRICE AT WHICH REAL ESTATE WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE OR LEASE WHEN PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE REGARDING SUCH CONSIDERATION WOULD CAUSE A LIKELIHOOD OF DECREASED PRICE. HOWEVER, FINAL ACTION SELLING OR LEASING PUBLIC PROPERTY SHALL BE TAKEN IN A MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THE DURATION OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IS SET AT 30 MINUTES BUT THIS MAY BE EXTENDED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER. ACTION MAY OR MAY NOT BE TAKEN AFTER THE BOARD RECONVENES INTO REGULAR SESSION, AND NO ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

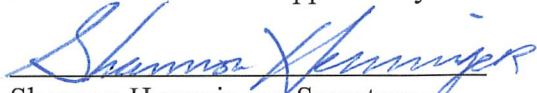
In: 1826

Out: 1834

Good of the Order: None

Adjournment: The board adjourned the meeting at 1835 hours.


Submitted for Board approval by:



Shannon Hemminger, Secretary


Tom Culleton, Board Member


John Ricks, Board Member


Mike Reed, Board Member


Robert Scott, Board Member


Jeff Merryman, Board Member


Chris White, Board Member