

SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 13  
17433 Snee-Oosh Road  
P.O. Box 1007  
La Conner, Washington 98257



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

1. **Call to order** – Chairman Shellhamer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. **Flag Salute** – Chairman Shellhamer lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Attendees – no action** – Present were Commissioner Bruce Shellhamer, Commissioner John Doyle, Commissioner JJ Wilbur, Chief Wood Weiss, District Secretary Tracy Berg, Firefighter Andrew Lester and Captain Ted Taylor. Bill Reynolds from the La Conner Community News was also present.
4. **Public Comment** – Bill Reynolds was very impressed with the ceremony last night.
5. **Appointment of Chair/Vice-Chair – action** – Commissioner Wilbur made a motion to appoint Commissioner Shellhamer Chair and Commissioner Doyle Vice-Chair for calendar year 2026. Commissioner Doyle seconded. Commissioner Shellhamer called for any more discussion and then for a vote. The motion was unanimously approved.
6. **Consent Agenda – action** – Commissioner Doyle moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Wilbur seconded. Commissioner Shellhamer called for any more discussion and then for a vote. The motion was unanimously approved.
  - December 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes
  - Check Register Dated for 12/31/2025 in the amount of \$62,482.05 (Check #'s 12662-12699, 12704 and EFTPS for account payable)
  - Check Register Dated 1/13/2026 in the amount of \$157,485.15 (Includes check #'s 12658-12660 and DD2199-DD2223 for \$87,724.30 for payroll and check #'s 12661, 12700-12703 for \$74,760.85 for accounts payable)
  - Transmittal \$190,000.00
  - Financial Report December 31, 2025
  - Resolution 2026-01-01 Pro Rationing Protection
  - Resolution 2026-01-02 2026 Salaries and Benefits
7. **Old Business** – N/A
8. **New Business** – N/A
9. **Chief Report – no action** –
  - **Statistical Report** – Chief Weiss reviewed the monthly and year-end statistical reports.
  - **Tender** – The push in ceremony went very well last night. Chief Weiss was very thankful for everyone that came.
  - **Station Numbering** – The stations have been renumbered.

- **NERIS** – The reporting to NERIS started on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - **Extrication Tools** – The new tools are amazing.
  - **Engine** – Chief Weiss would like to start looking into purchasing a new engine. (Our back up engine is a 1998.) Currently, a new cab over Pierce engine is approximately \$900,000 to a million dollars.
10. **Emergency Management Report – no action** – Firefighter Lester gave a brief update on radios. He also submitted the grant proposal for Starlink. Captain Taylor gave an update on what he is working on with emergency management.
11. **Good of the Order** – Commissioner Shellhamer gave his kudos to the crew.
12. **Adjourn** at 8:34 a.m.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

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Chairman/Commissioner, Bruce Shellhamer

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District Secretary, Tracy Berg

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