

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 5
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2026; 6:00p.m.
District Office, 17217 W Four Mound Rd, Nine Mile Falls

Members Present: Bonita Cobb, Brian Scott, Dave Alvarado

District Secretary: Bethany McCann

Guests: Gary Pietz, Seth & Stephanie Morgan

Fire Chief: Scott Lynch

Time Meeting Began: 6:00 pm

Flag Salute: Led by Bethany

Approve MARCH 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Dave and Seconded by Brian to approve March Minutes. It was approved unanimously. The Final minutes will be posted on the door and on the website.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed by the Commissioners.

There was no questions

Expenses presented for review.

April 2026 Expenses reviewed	AP2964-2968	\$ 2,380.48
April 2026 Payroll reviewed	PR1923	\$ <u>1,722.08</u>
Total April 2026 Expenses		\$ 4,102.56

Dave made a motion to accept expenses, Brian seconded and passed unanimously. Commissioners signed the Certifications for Accounts Payable and Payroll Vouchers to be submitted to the Spokane County Treasurer.

Secretary's Report:

The 2nd quarter newsletter have been sent out. There have been two different districts that have asked for copies to try and implement some of the ideas into their district/ letters. Bethany is working on the third quarter newsletter. The annual reports are due at the end of the month, Bethany is almost finished with them and will make a copy for all the commissioners.

Correspondence:

Drilling company for the new Avista power station on Bluebird notified us of blasting ordinance at the location.

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Scott Lynch

- 1) **Volunteer Status:** None
- 2) **Station Status:** Replaced a switch at Coulee Hite and Wood Rd.
- 3) **Truck/Equip Status:** None
- 4) **Training Status:** Fire behavioral class, Burn tower pre Class, Radio Training
- 5) **Other:** Bought two tool sets for the command vehicles. Is there a possibility do some training and awareness on the new substation on bluebird, Scott is going to reach out and look into what Avista's protocols are. There is no new information on getting thermal cameras. The blocks for St 53 at \$25 for 1900lb blocks, we would need approximately 10 blocks.

Committee Reports

- **Brian Scott:** Snure advised against fighting stormwater taxes, gave a copy of a revised pay policy for commissioners to review. Brian made a motion to allow a commissioner, Bonita, to also be a volunteer

firefighter, Dave seconded the motion and it pass unanimously. At the Snure Seminar it was also brought up that if there are any nonpaying tax entities in the fire district, we should have a contract charge for responding to the property, e.g. Cemetery and state parks. This is under RCW 52.30.020

- **Dave Alvarado:** Has had some people ask when Bethany is in the office, Monday's 9-11am. Bethany is planning on updating the website this month, Bethany is going to get the audit overview for Brian.
- **Bonita Cobb:** DNR has advised the burn ban will be in place starting 4/15/26. District 9 is hoping to have the ambulances staffed and running come July 1st. The Spokane County Dispatch has moved to St 92 but has purchased a building on Pines Rd hoping to be moved by 2027.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Morgan Home shield gave us a quote for pest and weed control. He answered any questions, will look into adding St 53 location onto the quote for weed control.

There will be a dumpster at St 51 on April 25th from 10-2 for the Firewise community.

The next regular meeting will be May 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

With no further business a motion was made by Dave to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. It was seconded by Brian and passed unanimously.

Spokane County Fire District 5 Chairperson

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Attest: Spokane County Fire 5 District Secretary