ROYAL SLOPE FIRE-RESCUE-EMS

Grant County Fire District 10

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The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Grant County Fire District No. 10 was called to order by Chairman Tim Freeman at 12:00 p.m. on October 13, 2026

Commissioners Present: Chair Tim Freeman, Dwight Vander Vorste, Bonnie Valentine, Gary Christensen and Robert Weber

Others present: DC Neil Vargas, BC Chris Palmer, and District Secretary Angie Argo, Dan Argo, and Laura Roecks.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Consent Agenda – A motion was made to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved unanimously M/Vander Vorste)

- September Payroll
- September Regular Meeting Minutes
- Current month's expense claims

Claims audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.240.090 have been recorded in a listing, which has been made available to the Board of Commissioners. As of this date: **October 13th, 2026,** the Board of Commissioners, by unanimous vote does hereby approve for payment those claims further described by claim numbers included in the listing described as follows:

2026 Fire Claims 261001001-261001040 in the total amount of $110,117.90
2026 EMS Claims 261002001-261002014 in the total amount of $20,196.67

Public Comment- None

Financial Reports

1. The September Grant County Treasurers reports were received and distributed with the budget position report.
2. Internal Audit Reports:
    - Comm Vander Vorste - No exceptions to the previous month's claims.
    - Comm Freeman -Reported no exceptions to the previous month's payroll.
    - Comm Christensen – Reported no exceptions to the current month's claims.
    - Comm Weber-Reported no exceptions to previous months' ambulance billing reports.
    - Comm Valentine - Reported no exceptions to the previous month's deposits.

Approved

Staff Reports

1. Secretary's Report – Distributed to the board for review, the 2025-2026 volunteer points report and the third quarter compensated absence report. Comm Valentine, DC Vargas and the district secretary will attend the Snure Seminar on Oct 21 in Spokane.
2. Reports from Deputy Chief Vargas, Asst. Chief Wright, and BC Chief Palmer were read and are attached to the original minutes.

Unfinished Business

1. Station 11-1 -Tabled.

New Business

1. 2027 Proposed Budgets
    a. A public hearing has been set for the November 10th regular meeting.
    b. The 2027 draft budgets were distributed for board review.
2. Chairman Freeman called a special meeting for Thursday, Oct 22 to be held at the Davenport Grand Hotel (Skybridge Room) in Spokane at 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to review job descriptions and to discuss the process and timeline of future job posting(s).

Commissioner Reports/Announcements

1. Dwight Vander Vorste – Reported that he attended the open house on October 8 and that it went very well and had high attendance.
2. Robert Weber – Reported that he attended the hospital district and Royal City Council meetings.
3. Bonnie Valentine – Reported on the open house and commended BC Palmer on a job well done. She also attended the hospital district meeting and reported on an upcoming port project.
4. Gary Christensen – Reported that the open house was well attended and organized. He also attended the hospital district meeting.
5. Tim Freeman – Reported on the open house as well. Stated it was well organized and estimated that 288 people attended.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angie Argo,
District Board Secretary

BY: _____
Dwight Vander Vorste, Commissioner
Grant Fire 10

BY: _____
Gary Christensen, Commissioner
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BY:_____
Robert D. Weber, Commissioner
Grant Fire 10

BY:_____
Tim Freeman, Chairman
Grant Fire 10

BY:_____
Bonnie Valentine, Commissioner
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