

Mason County Fire District 18 Board of Commissioners

July 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cochran at 1300 hours. Also present were Commissioners Mark McDougall, Mark Fischer, and Pat O'Brien.

District Personnel: Michael Sexton, Joseph Leonard, Trevor Deardorff, Leah O'Brien Jesse Jones, Lilly Wuestner

Guests: Nadine Brown, Kevin Brown

Secretary: Karen Thomas

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent/Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda by Commissioner McDougall. 2nd by Commissioner O'Brien. Passed Unanimously.

Previous Minutes:

Motion to approve:

June 10, 2026: Regular Meeting Minutes

Made by Commissioner Fischer. 2nd by Commissioner McDougall. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills and Payroll:

Total of \$198,979.87 for the month of July

\$172,410.85 in EXPENSE

\$26,569.02 in EMS

Motion to pay the bills and payroll made by Commissioner O'Brien, 2nd by Commissioner Fischer. Passed Unanimously.

Chief Sexton Report:

Calls for June: 67

Transports for May: 16

Emelia Ballard started as our new, fulltime hire July 1, 2026. Congratulations to her.

We will be putting together a board to create an eligibility list in the fall.

We are onboarding four new volunteers this month.

A Lieutenant eligibility task book is being created to establish minimum requirements for future use.

Gym equipment was recently serviced. Thank you Trevor for getting that arranged and taken care of.

A daily station duties/chore list has been established and is being modified as needed.

We will be moving towards removing the Life-band mechanical CPR devices and using exclusively the Lucas devices, as the life bands will not be supported after some time.

Vehicle Maintenance is ongoing.

Chief Leonard Report:

Vector Solutions is set up to track training.

New tools have been installed on vehicles.

Created and installed command boards and size up sheets for each of the vehicles.

Radios: Thank you Ethan, for putting together the radio bank at Station 18-2

Created a fulltime task book

Training Calendar includes things such as: Pumps: how to use and trouble shoot, hosting a rescue swimmer class in August, Reserving the training prop from the state, extrication course.

Fire academy is being hosted by North Mason Regional Fire Authority this year. That will begin in September.

Lilly:

Digitized the training records: enables running reports for certifications, accessibility to member, and also alerts when certification expiration dates are coming up.

Currently auditing the small and attractive assets log.

Old Business:

Building Committee: Nothing to report.

Tacoma Power Contract: Working with Attorney Brian Snure to schedule a meeting to talk about the fee structure, how it was established and how to move forward calculating the numbers for the parcels included in this contract

Policy Committee: Moved to the end of the meeting

Electrical work: Station 18-2 is complete for the time being. They will move on to Station 18-3 to install the compressor, reroute the light switches, and wire the garage door openers correctly.

GEMT: Awarded \$77,901.59 through this supplemental Medicaid program, minus \$7,500.00 for the cost of the preparing the documentation.

New Business:

Awarding the Diesel removal exhaust system contract from the AFG grant from FY 2025: Air Exchange/Plymovent

We were awarded \$135,263.33

Our share, per grant match requirements: \$6,763.17

Motion made awarding the contract to Air Exchange/Plymovent: not to exceed \$145,000.00 made by Commissioner O'Brien. 2nd by Commissioner Fischer. Passed Unanimously.

Mobilizations have already started for the year. We have a roster of 10 responders interested in mobilization this year. We were able to send the truck with three to Winthrop for the Hamilton fire for a one-day mobilization.

Suplusing of the Life-band will be tabled until we get more information on the grant requirements. We need to make sure the batteries stay charged.

We overfunded the EMS line this year in preparation for more ALS opportunities, but will be using that to purchase a third Lucas to put on the ambulance at 18-2 so all the mechanical CPR devices are the same.

Other:

Grants: See grants report

Public Comment:

Nadine Brown: Discussed Auxillary plans, participation needs and fundraising

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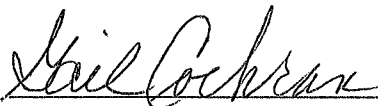
Commissioner O'Brien talked about the MIHP system in Mason County and its benefits.

Chief Sexton: Thank you to the board for allowing the meeting to be moved from the original date, July 8, 2026.

Policy Committee:

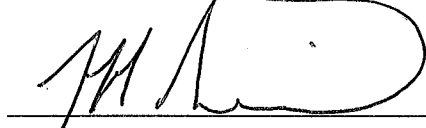
Review of policy

Meeting Adjourned at 2:47 pm

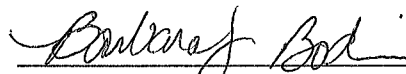


Chair Cochran

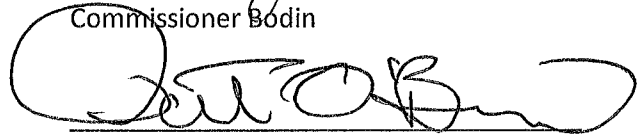
Commissioner McDougall



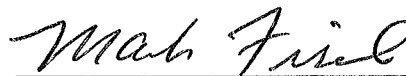
Commissioner Severin



Commissioner Bodin



Commissioner O'Brien



Commissioner Fischer