

Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 4



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Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 4
Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2026
Joyce, Washington

Members Present

Bruce Leiper, Chairman/Commissioner
Sam Nugent, Vice-Chairman/Commissioner
Sherri "Lynne" Kastner, Commissioner
Dan Peacock, Commissioner
Dara Peppard, Commissioner
Greg Waters, Fire Chief

Others Present

Carolyn Flint, Quartermaster
Rae Leiper, District Secretary to the Board

Community Members Present

Connie Beauvais
Jim Buck

I. Call to Order

Chairman Bruce Leiper called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. So ordered.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Bruce noted that all commissioners were present.

III. Board Action

Bruce reviewed the parameters of special meetings. He reminded all present that the rules of open public meetings apply and that all actions are to be public. Bruce noted that nothing may be added to the agenda and that an executive session cannot be called. He also noted that public comments are not a requirement of special meetings.

Bruce then called on Commissioner Sam Nugent to make an opening statement. Sam acknowledged the attendance of Connie Beauvais from the Port of Port Angeles and Jim Buck, a private citizen, who had put a request before the board at the last regular meeting to join in a legal action with the Port. The Board realized the information raised by the Port was of real concern. The board asked for time to contact counsel and gather information and then set the date for this special meeting.

As directed in the regular board meeting of September 23rd, Sam contacted District counsel, Brian Snure and asked him to review the documents provided by the Port. Mr. Snure requested that Aaron Hayes, a litigation counsel, be involved. A Zoom call was organized with Bruce, Sam, and both attorneys which took place on Monday, September 29. During the call, the attorneys asked that legal action be deferred until a more thorough review could take place. They also suggested that the Port's attorneys and District's attorneys confer.

Based on the call, Sam made a motion that the Board defer action on the Port of Port Angeles request to join the petition and to authorize District's counsel to confer with Port's counsel regarding the petition.

Sam's motion led to a Board discussion. Board members expressed concern about the contract between DNR and the logging company and wondered how DNR would proceed. On November 1, if the logging company has not met the requirements of the contract, DNR can take action. The Board is hoping that DNR will require that all terms of the contract be met. The Board expressed concern about future logging contracts if this one is not honored. Jim reminded all that DNR land is Trust Land. It does not belong to any entity but is managed by DNR for the beneficiaries and is to be replanted and harvested in perpetuity.

Lynne Kastner then seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. So ordered.

IV. Adjourn

Lynne made a motion to adjourn. Sam seconded the motion.

Bruce adjourned the meeting at 5:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Raeann Leiper
District Secretary