

**Minutes of the
Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District
Finance and Audit Committee
Regular Meeting**

Meeting held: **May 12, 2026**
 Ganges Fire Hall
 105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island

Members Present: **Rob Oliver, Committee Chair**
 Rollie Cook, Board of Trustees Chair
 Dennis Lucarelli, Trustee
 John Wakefield, Public Member

Staff Members Present: **Rodney Dieleman, Corporate Administrator and Financial Officer**
 Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief

These minutes follow the order of the agenda although the sequence may have varied.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and acknowledged that we live and work in the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent, the agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 14, 2026

By general consent, the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 14, 2026 were adopted.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 2027 Draft Budget

CAO Dieleman presented an amended 2027 Draft Budget, based on the Committee revisions made at the April 14, 2026 meeting.

In discussion the following items were noted:

- To increase the New Fire Hall #1 Capital Maintenance Fund by \$25,000.
- To increase the Satellite Hall Capital Fund by \$25,000.
- To increase the Payroll Liability Fund by \$50,000.

- To increase the Apparatus Capital Fund by \$60,000.
- To increase the Liability Insurance budget by \$20,000.
- To increase the Vehicle budget by \$30,000.
- To increase the Utilities budget by \$19,000.
- To increase the Wages budget by \$208,000.

By general consent, the Finance and Audit Committee agreed to raise the 2027 Draft Budget to 6.9% to match 2026's increase and increase the contingency fund. This draft budget will be provided at the Trustee Governance and Strategic Planning Workshop on May 21, 2026.

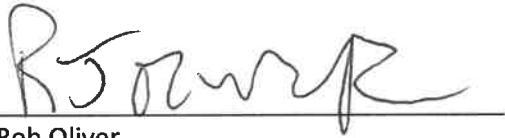
5. NEW BUSINESS - None

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee will be held on June 9, 2026.

7. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



Rob Oliver
Chair, Finance and Audit Committee



Rodney Dieleman
Corporate Administrator