

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3

REGULAR MEETING - BAYVIEW

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1991 - 7:00 PM

Attendance: Tom Saunders, Commissioner
Gary Gabelein, Commissioner
Ken McClellan, Commissioner
Bruce Klassen, Chief
Paul Busch, Assistant Chief

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Saunders called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was lead by Commissioner McClellan.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was revised as follows:

1. Under Old Business,
 - A. Tanker status credit
 - B. Budget line item review
 - C. ICOM agreement

Commissioner McClellan moved to approve the Agenda as revised. Motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. July 9, 1991 Minutes

Commissioner Gabelein moved that whoever does the minutes for the future take the July 9 minutes and make them more direct and to the point and bring them back for approval next month. Motion passed.

B. August 13, 1991 Minutes

Commissioner Gabelein, under Commissioners Report, under C: one sentence added to it- "Chief Klassen was given Board direction to check on the amount of time and expense by district personnel to hang this equipment on the tankers."

Commissioner Gabelein, under D: "Chief Klassen got Board direction to go over the 1991 budget and to find any items we could cut or save prior to the 1992 budget. To make cuts or keep line items as they are for the 1992 budget."

Commissioner McClellan moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 1991, meeting. Motion passed.

V. VISITORS COMMENTS

A. Ron Workman from Bayview - "I asked the Board to look into the possibility of a building or something to be set here instead of all of the stuff laying around Bayview Station. Commissioner McClellan said he was going to ask the county what was the hold up on permits and was curious as to what was being done about this." Commissioner McClellan did check and we can put something up to a 100 square feet without going through the rig a ma role; otherwise, follow the procedures.

B. Doug Dowell - Presented a plaque from fleet 95 to thank fire personnel for standing by at the regatta.

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. No secretary's report tonight.

VII. FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

A. FICA/FITW question of discrepancy on computer report print-out.

VIII. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Klassen submitted the Chief's Report, attached as Exhibit D.

A. Tanker prepayment - Commissioner McClellan moved that the Board go ahead and make the payment to Whidbey Island Bank for Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) on our tanker indebtedness. Motion passed.

IX. COMMISSIONERS REPORT

A. Commissioner McClellan expressed concern about the district's legal bills. Discussion followed.

B. "Commissioner McClellan wanted to go on the record and make two points concerning the lawsuit filed by the former District Secretary against the District, Mr. Gabelein, and Mr. Saunders. First, because of a possible conflict of interest between these commissioners and the district I must go on record as insisting that each defendant commissioner obtain his own counsel. Second, I also recommend that the District retain counsel other than Mr. Clark Snure because it could be said by some that the recent statement for services submitted by counsel gives the appearance that he has given them advice in their individual capacity, and Mr. Snure hasn't told me he advised either of the individual commissioners that they should obtain independent counsel because of possible conflict of interest between the commissioners and the District."

C. Radio Tower Facility on Cultus Bay Road - Contracts. Discussion followed.
No Action taken.

D. Commissioner Gabelein requested that mailbox be moved to the Krammer Road location. Gabelein said the best time to accomplish this would be when the new commissioner comes on board. Since we will have to change our stationery by adding a new name we might as well change our address, too.

E. Phone and station logs. Discussion followed. Commissioner Gabelein moved that phone logs start getting used for all long distance phone calls starting tomorrow (September 11, 1991) and a visitors log also be kept. Motion passed.

F. Commissioner Gabelein moved to have appreciation plaques purchased for Bob Connor and Derrick Williamson showing the years of service they have done for the District. They both are leaving the Island shortly. Motion passed.

X. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

There were no miscellaneous reports.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Tanker status credit. No report at this time.

B. Budget line item review. Commissioner Gabelein asked about the budget. Chief Klassen responded the budget had to be to the county assessors office by the end of November.

C. ICOM Agreement. Commissioner Gabelein moved to approve the ICOM agreement and would like to add to the agreement we recognize this contract is for planning purposes only. Implementing will require a separate contract. Motion passed. Additional discussion. We want to insure that a separate contract is written for the implementing stage.

D. Old Yellow. What are we going to do with it? Discussion followed.

E. Pole building. Discussion followed. Size of 24' x 48' minimum.

F. Commissioner Gabelein reported on the Sno-Isle meeting he attended the previous week. "The main discussion was Initiative 559. The information distributed was that 559 would probably pass. All auditors are going to be required to enforce the law and should be prepared in one of three ways to comply with the law. 1: Not collect taxes for the first part of taxes next year, giving auditors time to do their homework and get the taxes according to 559. No taxes for fire districts until the fall collection. 2: Everybody pay their regular taxes on the first round and give a rebate after the assessors do their homework. 3: Nobody will be collecting taxes until the fall and everybody will be charged a one time fee for the whole year. Which means that everybody that is in a junior taxing district should have an alternative plan on how to pay their bills at least until the second half of taxes because they figure that if you get any monies at all it will be figured at about \$.25 per \$1,000.00 on junior taxing districts instead of what we are collecting now."

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. District Secretary's position. Current secretary has resigned and there is a need to have someone in the office. Discussion followed on how to fill the vacancy. Temporary or permanent.

Commissioner Gabelein moved to direct the chief to look into filling the secretary's position with temporary help, and when the chief is ready to hire somebody he contacts the board by a phone call for consensus for temporary service. Discussion followed. How are they charging us per hour and recommendation on hours? Motion passed.

B. Approval of Vouchers - Commissioner Gabelein moved to approve vouchers in the amount of \$81,803.80. Motion Passed.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Gabelein moved to adjourn into executive session for one-half hour. Motion passed.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner McClellan moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Secretary

M. D. "Mike" Carter, Interim District

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Minutes of September 10, 1991 approved:

Tom L. Saunders, Chairman

Gary R. Gabelein, Commissioner

Kenneth G. McClellan, Commissioner

*Minutes are not official until approved at the next regular meeting.