

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, JUNE 5, 1975

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hunter, the Chairman, in the meeting room in the Clinton fire station at 7:03 P. M.

Commissioners present:	Marion E. Hunter	Chief Erikson	present
	Lloyd S. Capp	Batt. Chief Gabelein	"
	Joseph H. Long	Mr. Terry Thompson	"

Minutes of last meeting of May 1, 1975 read by Secretary and approved as read.

Current bills in the amount of \$2,928.03 are on hand and after examination Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried unanimously. They are listed on reverse side of this sheet.

At this time Mr. Capp brings up the matter of compartments on 949, the truck in the Clinton station. The Chief received two bids on this, the first from Thompson & Son of Freeland for \$250.00 with the stipulation that the District furnish the materials listed (the necessary spring hinges, handles, latches and piano hinge). The other bid from Truckweld Equipment Co. of Seattle for \$1,050.00 F.O.B. Seattle. After discussion Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long to award the bid to Thompson & Son, carried unanimously.

The Chief reports that he checked into the cost of fencing material to fence on the north side of the Clinton station. This would run approximately \$175.00 at Lumber "Jack's". Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long authorizing the Chief to purchase the fencing material and put up the fence, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hunter now asks if there will be water available at the Bayview lot and the Chief says there will be.

The Chief reported that at the Hutson fire the rear of the pump casing on 952 broke out. It is cast iron and Ed Nelson, a Maxwellton fireman, volunteered to weld it at no charge to the District, except for the material used.

The Chief also reported that the radio in 948 went out during the above fire and a spare radio, which the District has, was installed. This is temporary until the regular radio can be repaired.

Mr. Terry Thompson, who has come on the invitation of the Commissioners to explain several ways of financing capital outlay needs for the District, principal of which is G.O. Bonds, is now given the floor.

He explains that G.O. bonds can be issued for a maximum of 3/4 of 1% of District valuation including outstanding G.O. bond obligation, which at present is \$30,000.00 plus interest. With an assessed valuation of approximately \$85,000,000.00, the limit would be approximately \$600,000.00, far beyond the needs of the District. Bonds can be issued for, from 2 to 20 years, but he suggests 10 years as a good and reasonable time limit. In making a guess as to interest rates he projected a figure of 7% to 8%.

In connection with 1 year special levy, he says if passed, usually can borrow from local bank for a year, or until taxes are available to repay, and interest would be only for time of loan.

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For ballot information list the various uses, such as new station, pay off balance on new truck and any other capital outlay needs. Also recommends asking for some additional, over anticipated needs, to allow for inflation in the interim time.

Mr. Thompson also says Fire Districts usually have less trouble passing bond issues or special levies than schools, but does emphasize the need to publicize, especially relating to cost per month to the owner of the average home.

He also mentions need of co-operation of the press and of the firemen in advertising the needs, especially in the last two or three weeks prior to election.

Mr. Hunter offers information that the editor of the Record has told him he would co-operate with us.

Mr. Hunter also has talked to Jim Gay, a bond attorney who has a home at Mutiny Sands, and is advised their fees for the legal work for \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00 is \$450.00, and estimates bond printing at a cost of \$250.00. If bond issue fails there would be no attorney fee owed.

The County Auditor requires a minimum of 45 days time for election resolution to be in to place it on the ballot.

There is further discussion but no action taken at this time.

Mr. Thompson also suggests that it is good if firemen passing out literature wear dress uniforms. The Chief advises that we only have turnout gear.

Mr. Capp says he feels it would be nice if we could afford jackets for the men. The Chief feels the men would wear them, with shoulder patches, which we have, if they had the jackets.

The Chief reports the need for more officers in the Bayview and Clinton departments.

The Chief now reports on this mornings fire at the Hutson home near location of the former Jim & John resort. Not so much fire damage but extensive heat and smoke damage. The house is owned by Dewitt Dean and occupied by Hutson as a renter.

Mr. Thompson is thanked for attending meeting and leaves.

The Chief reports that Mr. Ed Leaf, who lived on Columbia Beach Drive, passed away, and Mrs. Leaf called him and said she would like to donate approximately \$150.00 to the Fire Department to purchase some needed piece of equipment as a memorial to her husband. This money is from contributions made to her when he passed away. He spent 42 years as a fireman in Seattle, and for the Navy, having served at Whidbey Naval Air Station at Ault Field.

Mr. Gabelein suggests a Resusci baby, which would be companion equipment to Resusci Annie, which department now has. He also suggests perhaps jackets, badges or something similar which can be seen.

Mr. Hunter suggests something of a substancial nature, and suggests everyone think about it and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Hunter also reports briefly on hospital meeting he attended last Tuesday re ambulance costs and deficits incurred, no action.

*Ella E. Hunter*  
Ella E. Hunter, Secretary  
Island County Fire District No 3

Meeting adjourned at 9:48