

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS JUNE 6, 1968

Meeting called to order at 7.00 P.M. at the public meeting room of the Whidbey Telephone Company at Bayveiw, by Mr. Capp who is acting as chairman in the absence of the chairman Mr. Henny.

Commissioners present: Lloyd S. Capp  
Joseph H. Long

Minutes of the last meeting on May 2 read and approved as read.

Current bill sin the amount of \$ 3123.88 to the firms and individuals listed on the reverse side this sheet are examined and approved. Mr. Long makes motion and seconded by Mr. Capp that they be paid and the vouchers signed, carried.

The County Treasurers report is on hand and shows a balance in the expense fund of \$ 29,327.68 with warrnats in the amount of \$ 124.50 outstanding as of April 30. The bond redemption fund shows a balance of \$ 11,613.44 Taxes collected in the expense fund of \$ 4,276.33 and the bond redemption fund of 5242.49 during April.

The secretary has on hand some samples of ball point pens he ordered to pass out at the Clinton open house for the new station when it is opened. They are advertising type with fire prevention message on. Hunter paid for them himself. After examining them Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that Hunter be reimbursed for them, carried.

At 7.35 two bids which had been received for the construction of the new station at Maxwellton were opened.

First bid was from CurisnTuff, Builder in the amount of \$ 9,280.00 plus State sales tax of \$ 417.60

Second bid was from Ivan Richardson Builder, in the amount of \$ 7,600.00 plus Statesales tax of \$ 342.00

Both bids included building to the specifications furnished to each bidder.

After some discussion it was felt that the bid of Ivan Richardson was a very realistic figure and in line with reasonable costs.

Mr. Capp now makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that the bid of Mr. Richardson be accepted, subject to approval by Mr. Henny the Chairman who is absent. Carried.

Hunter reported that the Maxwellton siren was back in service at the new station site.

Hunter also reported that the Freeland firman Scotty who died recently had the District Plectron receiver stolen in April and as yet it had not been recovered. He also reported that insurance to cover a loss such as this would cost \$ 1.50 per year per \$ 100 of receiver cost and one receiver could be stolen per year and not cost any more than the insurance for the year on the sixty receivers of the Districts.

The Chief reported that several fire districts were using radio with tones and receivers to activate their station sirens, and that the method was working out very satisfactorily. He said he feels that it would be desirable for the District to look into this method and perhaps add this method to the present method for a

New Max station bid accepted

*transfer for old base  
in case main xmit  
fails*

trial of six months. During the time of six weeks or so that the Maxwellton siren was out of operation the receivers were the only means used to alert the men in that department and it worked very well during that time. One improvement he felt would be achieved would be to centralize all alarm actions at the tip of the dispatchers fingers.

He also recommended that the old base station be put on an automatic transfer basis so that if the main transmitter failed, the second one would automatically take over and, while it does not have the output the main one does it would do the job for a short time in an emergency.

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The cost estimate for the additions is \$265.00 for the siren controls and \$ 150.00 for the base station addition. The District now has the receivers necessary for the siren control, and only requires the tones in the receivers and the timers used with them. Hunter paid for the tones and installations in the station encoder a year ago because the frequencies were available at the time and might not have been at a later date. His cost was \$ 104.28. He felt that sooner or later they would be needed.

There is discussion relative to the recommendations. No action.

Hunter also reported that he could find no cost reference in the Whidbey Telephone Company letter regarding the recent change made in the telephone system for the District, relative to the sirens activation costs by the Company and was wondering if it was included or if it was an oversight and would add more to the Districts telephone bill. At the present rate the cost is 10 2/3 % of the District income for operating expenditures for all purposes.

Hunter now requests the Commissioners to go to the new Clinton station for an inspection. The plaster board is all on and taped ready for painting. He reports that Meinhold will do the interior painting for \$ 235 with the District furnishing the paint. Knaplund will furnish the paint at a discount of approximately 15 %.

There is no further business and meeting is adjourned at 8.30

*Marion E. Hunter*

Marion E. Hunter, secretary.  
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