

**ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3
REGULAR MEETING - BAYVIEW STATION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1992 - 7:00 P. M.**

Attendance: R. E. "Bob" McGinty, Commissioner
Ken McClellan, Commissioner
Gary Gabelein, Commissioner

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McGinty called the meeting to order at 7:00 P. M.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gabelein moved to approve the agenda as amended by deleting administrative session. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular meeting of January 14, 1992. Commissioner Gabelein brought to the floor that at the January meeting the Board adopted Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised (RRONR), and according to RRONR that a Vice-Chairman is needed. Commissioner Gabelein moved that the Board create the position of Vice-Chairman for the rare occasion where the Board might need a Vice-Chairman according to RRONR. Motion passed.

The Chair then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner McClellan nominated Commissioner Gabelein for Vice-Chairman of the Board for the year of 1992. Motion passed.

Commissioner Gabelein moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 1992, as corrected. The Motion passed.

B. Special meeting of January 23, 1992. Commissioner Gabelein moved to amend Commissioner McGinty's budget motion by deleting reference to any dates and make the budget review an annual event. Motion passed. The budget motion shall now read, "Commissioner McGinty moved that the annual budget will be presented to the Board for perusal at a special meeting in November at which time it will be reviewed, and then be submitted for final approval at the December regular meeting."

Commissioner Gabelein moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 23, 1992 as read. Motion passed.

IV. VISITORS COMMENTS

Battalion Chief Lanny Workman invited all the commissioners to attend any rescue squad or rescue boat or Bayview drill, whenever they so desire. Just call and let them know you are coming. Also there will be a demonstration of air bags at the rescue squad drill on February 20.

V. REPORTS

A. Secretary's

1. Correspondence Received.

a. Received copy of agreement signed at last meeting from DNR.

b. The secretary read two letters received from Mr. Dick McClellan, the first concerned legal counsel and pending action against the Fire District. The second recommended Mr. James Bailey as counsel for the district. The district will respond to the first letter and discussion of the second letter followed. Acknowledge that the second letter has been received and will be taken under advisement.

c. Rescue squad received donation for \$25.00 from Mr. & Mrs. Coffey in memory of Henry Engman.

d. Received promissory note from Whidbey Island Bank paying off the tankers.

e. State auditor sent a letter for all local governments for determining the status in regards to be self-insured. All local governments must respond and indicate whether they are self-insured or not.

f. Commissioner Gabelein stated the Board received a letter from Mel Olden on January 22, 1992.

g. Commissioner McClellan moved to have a special meeting to reconsider the charges against Battalion Chief Scot Treggett. Discussion followed. Motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Gabelein dissenting.

When the special meeting for reconsideration will be held was discussed. How much

time will be required by the attorney. Commissioner Gabelein moved to have legal representation present during the special meeting for reconsideration naming Clark Snure as counsel since he has handle the case from the beginning. Motion passed. Secretary will contact Mr. Snure to determine Mr. Snure's availability. Secretary will coordinate with the individuals involved.

2. Correspondence Sent.

a. Letter to Ms. Donna Young to ascertain the status of pending litigation with a copy to Clark Snure.

b. Thank you letters to Mr. Bob Turner and Glen Metcalf for donating property to be used during training.

c. Letter to Mr. Dick McClellan responding to his letter of January 14, 1992.

d. Two letters to Mr. Bill Kehle concerning insurance claims on Old Yellow and the lost radios. No response yet.

e. Letter to Clark Snure stating he no longer represented District #3.

f. Letter to Mr. Mel Ogden regarding the district photographer. Commissioner Gabelein objected to his signature being include on the letter. Discussion followed. The Chair directed the Chief to send a letter to Mr. Ogden that the Board apologizes for including Commissioner Gabelein's signature in the letter because Commissioner Gabelein did not support the Chair's response to Mr. Ogden.

g. 76 W-2's were sent for volunteer reimbursement.

h. Letters concerning drill attendance were sent.

i. Cleaning contract. Commissioner Gabelein moved to approve the cleaning contract with Fire District 3's Firefighter Association with the amount needed to cover the contract. Motion passed.

B. Finance Officers

Statement of Operations as of January 31, 1992; Beginning cash balance \$131,044.42, Total receipts \$5,537.34, disbursements \$30,103.98, ending cash balance of \$106,477.78.

C. District Chief's

Stands as submitted. Chief sent a memo to Board regarding 1992 levy.

D. Commissioner's Reports

1. Commissioner McClellan inquired of the Chief about the Fire Chief's meeting. Sheriff Norton brought everybody up to date about fire marshall services as well as department of emergency services. Discussion followed.

2. Commissioner McGinty announced that he attended the St. Peter's Church council meeting and they were presented with a refund check from the insurance company of \$157.00 because Fire District 3 has dropped in their fire classification.

3. Commissioner Gabelein reported he attended the WFCa legislative workshop and reception, and presented a synopsis of his observation concerning several bills and proposals pending before the legislature. Discussion followed.

4. Commissioner McClellan inquired as to who we have leases with at the bay radio tower, and the amount of rent we are receiving. And would like to know when the leases are coming up for renewal.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Budget for 1992. Chief Klassen presented a proposal of the line items for the 1992 budget, and recommended that the budget presented be adopted for 1992. The Chief addressed the issue of the lost \$16,000.00 in the levy. The Chief recommended that we use the following language when answering the auditor's call letter by stating that we want the maximum amount allowable under the 106% law. Discussion followed with input from all three commissioners. No action taken on budget line items. Further action on the budget was postponed to an administrative session as to how the Board wants the line items.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Possible misuse of district tapes. Commissioner McClellan stated he had tapes made and paid for the tapes and was wondering if commissioners who want tapes made, should it be at district expense or the commissioner's expense. Commissioner McClellan felt that commissioners who want tapes made should incur the expense and not the district.

B. Phone logs. Commissioner McClellan moved that a phone log will be maintained by staff personnel to record private long distance calls and reimburse the district for the cost of these personal calls and if reimbursement is not made be subject to disciplinary action. It is further moved that a station visitors log will be maintained for all visitors to station. Motion passed.

C. Inter-local agreement. Discussion of the agreement with input from the board and visitors. The Board gave the Chief direction to contact his counterpart and tell him that the Board is no longer in agreement with what the contract states and questions the legality of it because the Chief was never given the direction to sign the contract.

D. Policy Section 1000. This is the first of seven volumes of a set of up to date and appropriate fire district policies, and the Chief recommended adopting this policy. Discussion followed with input from Commissioner Gabelein. Commissioner McClellan moved to accept Section 1000 of the SOP. Motion carried.

E. Commissioner McGinty expressed his disappointment with the smallness of the IRS for taxing the volunteer firefighters on the amount of money that they received for responding to calls. The Chair would like the board to direct the chief to send a letter to the appropriate concerns expounding on our displeasure with the IRS, and asking them to provide whatever relief possible, as per JFK's quote, "Ask not what your country can do for you but ask what you can do for your country." The concerns this letter is to be addressed to will include National and State Firefighting Associations, members of legislative bodies, and anyone else we can think of to provide the volunteer firefighter with relief from the odious position of the IRS.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Gabelein announced that his son has come through Kimeo and that his son had asked to go to Disney World, and he wanted to thank everybody in the district for their help.

IX. APPROVAL OF EXPENSE VOUCHERS

Commissioner Gabelein moved to pay the vouchers in the amount of \$44,136.17. Motion passed.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned in to an executive session at 9:56 P.M. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:20 P. M.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 P. M.

Paula Schuler, Interim District Secretary
Island County Fire District No. 3