

**ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Bayview Community Hall**  
**5642 Bayview Rd. Langley, WA 98260**  
**May 24, 2012– 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

In Attendance:

Chairman Kenon Simmons  
Commissioner Mike Helland  
Chief Rusty Palmer

In Attendance: DC Cotton, DC Beck, Captain Beck, Sherrye Wyatt, Heidi Peters, Linda Cotton

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.
- II. Chairman Simmons defined the purpose of the special meeting to be a discussion of a potential levy increase and opened the floor for public input. No public input.
- III. Chairman Simmons asked if anyone in the audience had feedback from friends, family or neighbors about the potential Levy increase; no public input.
  - Q. Commissioner Helland – Do we have statistics on how many of our Volunteers also work in the field professionally and started their career with us.
    - A. DC Beck – currently four, but there have been several throughout the years that have since left the District.
- IV. Chief Palmer announced the next Public meeting to discuss the potential levy lift will be Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and will be held at the Clinton Progressive Hall.
- V. Chief Palmer announced that the District’s legal counsel is currently drafting two items for the levy lift. A pamphlet statement for the ballot election and a resolution for the Commissioners to vote on the levy lift at the June 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Commissioners Meeting.
- VI. Chief Palmer presented a PowerPoint slideshow of graphs and statistics for the District over the last twenty years. Included were comparison levy rates for all of the Island County Fire Districts showing South Whidbey as the lowest rate currently; call volume statistics that follow the population and expense trends over the last twenty years; revenue versus expense graphs showing the breakeven point of 2014 and the future expenses for current service levels above the anticipated revenues.
- VII. Q. Captain Beck – Does South Whidbey Fire/EMS receive any funding from the Port of South Whidbey?
  - A. Chief Palmer – Approximately \$20,000 over a five year period for fire protection services. No funding from the Langley Port is provided.
- VIII. Chairman Simmons opened the floor for any further public input; no public input.
- IX. Adjournment – 7:31pm

Cindy Rehberg  
District Secretary