

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.3

REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 12,1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Byron Worland. Also present were Gary Gabelein, Kenneth McClellan, and Bruce Klassen. Visitors: Marley Eckert.

Gary Gabelein made a motion to accept the minutes of February 12th as written. Ken McClellan seconded the motion; motion passed.

Correspondence: The commissioners read a letter from Whidbey General Hospital accepting the site fee and monthly charge for use of the District's transmitter site. The Board directed a bill be sent to Whidbey General Hospital reflecting the above.

Visitors' Comments: Marley Eckert requested a clarification of a previous resolution (RES.#94, dated February 1978) allowing commissioner Gabelein to act as a firefighter only. He said that he would like to see the resolution rescinded in order that Gary Gabelein could become an officer (captain) at the Bayview station.

Commissioner McClellan noted that it is not uncommon for commissioners to hold officers' positions in some districts, but that it is a question of local policies.

Commissioner Worland felt that the District's policy was clear as to intent; and that a commissioner should not be involved as an officer. Both Worland and McClellan deferred the matter to the judgement of Chief Klassen who said that he would first get an opinion from the State Commissioner's Association.

Chief's Report: as written.

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Gabelein asked the Chief about a recent IRS ruling that would permit the IRS to tax, as income, fringe benefits such as use of District vehicle for commuting to and from the office. Klassen responded that as far as he knew, Congress had cleared the way for the IRS to do so, but that it was only in the hearing process and not yet finalized. No further discussion.

Unfinished Business: Commissioner McClellan said that he had talked to Bill Kohlwes again regarding the leaks at the Bush Point Station and that Kohlwes told him they had stopped the leak at the window and found another at the new roof line which he said would be repaired by Mr. Lee Cates very shortly.

New Business: The Board approved Secretary Hazel Dodsworth's request that the District cover the \$5.60 per month increase in her Group Health insurance premium. Ken McClellan made the appropriate motion and Gary Gabelein seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Three estimates were compared for sheetrocking to be done at the Freeland Station. One at \$1,000 and two at \$800. After some discussion, it was moved by Byron Worland that the work be given to Mr. Bob Hetland for an estimated \$800. Gary Gabelein seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Prices were presented on a new breathing air compressor for the Board's consideration. Northwest Air Conditioning, Bekwith & Kuffel, and Underwater Sports all quoted prices (in writing or by phone) of \$3,875, plus standard price on options on the Bauer Utilus 3.6cfm compressor. Other units were considered also, but since this model produces the highest quality air (medical "H") and is actually built and serviced by a Seattle shop, the specifications were written for the Bauer. Total for the unit, options and installation would run right at \$4,800. Gary moved that the District purchase the Bauer from Northwest Air Conditioning, per the Chief's specifications. Byron seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Also addressed was the possible need for a door on the hose tower at Bush Point. The Board directed the Chief to find out what would work, and to determine costs.

Vouchers were approved as submitted and accordingly Gary made a motion to pay them. Ken seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business before the Board, Gary moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ken seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Bruce Klassen, Chief (acting Secretary)