

**ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3**

**REGULAR MEETING - BAYVIEW**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1991 - 7:00 P.M.**

Attendance Registered: Tom Saunders, Chairman  
Gary Gabelein, Commissioner  
Ken McClellan, Commissioner  
Bruce Klassen, Chief  
Paul Busch, Assistant Chief  
Keith C. Miles  
Bob McGinty  
Scot Treggett  
Douglas Dowell  
Carl Simmons  
Penny Busch  
Bev Lane  
David Grimm  
Steve Dalbey  
Mel Grimm  
Bob Beatteay  
Della McClellan Lloyd  
Dick McClellan  
Rick Furman  
Kevin Mathers  
Ernest Hall  
Ron Meyer  
Al Pedersen  
Steve Scoles  
Steve Holibonich  
Ron Workman

Not all those who attended the meeting registered their attendance.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Saunders called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

A flag salute was lead by Commissioner McClellan.

## **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner McClellan made a motion to approve the agenda; Commissioner Gabelein seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner McClellan made a motion to approve as corrected the minutes of the December 12, 1990 meeting. Commissioner Gabelein seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gabelein made a motion to approve as corrected the minutes of the January 15, 1991 meeting to reflect the following:

1. Under "Approval of Agenda", the second paragraph under A2 are to be stricken;
2. Under "Old Business", A2 should read "Role of the District Secretary";
3. Under "Old Business" , the third paragraph should read: ["Chief Klassen asked if the directive was to copy the Chairman on all summary sheets and appeals. Chairman Saunders answered 'Sure'. It was acknowledged as okay by the other two commissioners."]

Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the meeting of January 23, 1991 are to be considered for approval at the March 12, 1991 regular meeting.

Regarding the procedure of mailing the minutes, the Board directed the District Secretary to resume the procedure as had been practiced in the past.

## **IV. VISITORS COMMENTS**

- A. Diana Bell requested that Gary Gabelein be reinstated as a firefighter.
- B. Bob McGinty suggested staying within the guidelines of the Open Public Meetings Act in regards to the agenda. Mr. McGinty observed that there had been several items added to the January 23, 1991 meeting agenda that

had not originally been present on the January 15, 1991 meeting agenda.

(Chairman Saunders later directed Chief Klassen to "rectify the question".)

- C. Dick McClellan read excerpts from a letter, attached as Exhibit A, regarding the use of the attorney for the district by the commissioners.
- D. Jerry Maxwell praised Gary Gabelein as a firefighter and requested reinstatement as commissioner/firefighter;
- E. Doug Dowell read a letter, attached as Exhibit B, calling for the "stepping down" of Commissioners Saunders and Gabelein;
- F. Ernie Hall, firefighter from Freeland, gave his plea for Scot Treggett to be reinstated as the Battalion Chief of the Freeland station, crediting Treggett with consistent dedication, hard work, and professionalism in his duties as Battalion Chief;
- G. Della Lloyd requested the Scot Treggett be reinstated as the Battalion Chief at the Freeland station, adding that she works in Freeland and has only heard praise for Mr. Treggett;
- H. Commissioner Gabelein spoke to the audience saying that he would like to return as a firefighter, but that the time demands of EMT certification would make it impossible for him to maintain his EMT status;
- I. Dick McClellan suggested that Gary Gabelein resign as commissioner and return as a firefighter, since that is where the popular sentiment rests.
- J. Bruce Bell, upon leaving the meeting, urged the Board to dispense with the petty bickering, resolve it's problems, and offered to help in any way possible. He added that he supported Scot Treggett since he had known Scot Treggett for many years and had witnessed significant dedication to this community.

## V. SECRETARY'S REPORT

### A. Correspondence Received

- 1. Chairman Saunders read a letter, attached as Exhibit C.
- 2. Chairman Saunders read a petition, attached as Exhibit D.
- 3. Commissioner McClellan read a statement, attached as Exhibit E.

### B. Correspondence Sent

- 1. There was no additional correspondence sent.

### C. Miscellaneous

- 1. There were no miscellaneous reports.

## **VI. FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT**

- A. The monthly balance sheet, attached as Exhibit F, was submitted.
- B. The investment report will be submitted at the March 12, 1991 regular meeting.

## **VII. CHIEF'S REPORT**

The Chief submitted the Chief's Report, attached as Exhibit G.

A. Pension Plan - Commissioner Gabelein inquired regarding the Board for Volunteer Firefighters pension plan. Chairman Saunders responded by stating that Clark Snure had approved the district's past and current method of payment.

B. Personnel Policies - Chief Klassen referred to the policies related to personnel, operations, budgeting, facilities, and public relations of Thurston County Fire District No. 9. Chief Klassen suggested that this district adopt similar policies as soon as possible. The Board requested copies of Thurston #9 policies for review.

C. Firehorse Request for Extension - There was discussion regarding the delivery date of the new tankers. Due to the recent flooding, Firehorse has requested an extension of delivery date. After consideration, the Board directed Chief Klassen to write to Firehorse, granting an extension of delivery date in exchange for an equal extension of payment due date.

## **VIII. COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

A. Volunteer Firefighter Application Form - Commissioner Gabelein presented the Board with sample applications for review in the next few months.

B. Reimbursement Issue - Commissioner Gabelein reported on House Bill 11-93, giving clarification to the term "reimbursement" for firefighters. The bill also authorizes majority consent (vs. unanimous consent) of Board for the authorization of the commissioner/firefighter role. He asked that all those in support of the bill contact local legislators.

C. Property Tax Relief - Chairman Saunders reported briefly on Senate Bill 5195, addressing property tax relief. This bill has the potential for greatly affecting funding to local fire districts.

D. Adcom - Chairman Saunders reported that there has been a slowdown in the research regarding 9-1-1 due to GTE having difficulty determining costs.

## **IX. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

There were no miscellaneous reports.

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Tanker Finance - Chairman Saunders put this issue on hold until more information is obtained from banks.

B. Chief Evaluation Form - Chairman Saunders asked to forward this issue until Commissioner McClellan has obtained several sample evaluation forms.

C. Summary Sheet Review - Chief Klassen gave copies of the revised Summary Sheet form for the review of the Board. Any suggestions are to be directed to the Chief.

D. Clarification of Sick Leave - Commissioner Gabelein reported on the county policy regarding personal leave.

Chairman Saunders made a motion to approve the carryover request, attached as Exhibit H, of the employee's carryover from 1990, but that personal leave for birthdays in 1991 not be acted upon until later when a district policy can be adopted. Commissioner Gabelein seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

E. Pension Payment - Chief Klassen reported that Joe Faubion of Board for Volunteer Firefighters fully accepts the method of payment for pension via the cleaning contract with the ICFD3 Association.

F. Office Expenditures - Chairman Saunders directed this to be dealt with at the budget meeting to be scheduled in the near future.

G. Suspension of Battalion Chief Scot Treggett - Douglas Dowell reported on behalf of the Freeland station, saying that the members are outraged at the actions taken against their Battalion Chief. Chairman Saunders responded by saying that public comment is now disallowed since Mr. Treggett has taken the issue to the level of Superior Court.

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Budget - Chairman Saunders made a motion to set a Special Meeting to discuss Budget and Master Plan at 5:00 p.m. on February 14, 1991 at the Bayview Station. Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

B. Clark Snure Guidelines - There will be no action on accepting Clark Snure guidelines as policy until other sample policies are reviewed thoroughly.

C. Resolution 91-04 - Travel Policy increasing Mileage Reimbursement - Commissioner McClellan made a motion to accept as written Resolution 91-04, attached as Exhibit I, increasing reimbursement of mileage from 25 cents per mile to 25.7 cents per mile. Commissioner Gabelein

seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

D. Office Hours During Extreme Weather Conditions - After lengthy discussion, it was agreed to continue with procedures as in the past.

E. ICFD3 Firefighters Association Cleaning Contract - Chairman Saunders made a motion to approve the cleaning contract, attached as Exhibit J, with the ICFD3 Firefighters Association for 1991. Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

F. Vouchers - Commissioner Gabelein made a motion to approve vouchers as presented. Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

## **XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

At 9:20 p.m. Chairman Saunders made a motion to recess to Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters. Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:37 p.m.

## **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:37 p.m. Chairman Saunders made a motion to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase/sale of real estate. Commissioner Gabelein seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner McClellan to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gabelein seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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Susan E. Raley, District Secretary  
Island County Fire District No. 3

Approved:

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Tom L. Saunders, Chairman

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Gary R. Gabelein, Commissioner

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Kenneth G. McClellan, Commissioner

\*Minutes are not official until approved at the next regular meeting.