

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT No.3  
REGULAR COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
September 8, 1987

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken McClellan at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Commissioners Gary Gabelein and Byron Worland, and Chief Bruce Klassen.

VISITORS - Present was Mr. Bob McGinty.

MINUTES - Commissioner Gabelein made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of August 11, 1987 as written. Commissioner Worland seconded the motion; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - Chief Klassen introduced the most recent correspondence: A thank you letter from Mr. and Mrs. Steve White praising the volunteers on their firefighting efforts of 8/23/87; a letter from Bill Kehle indicating the requested upgrades in coverage had been made and that the increased general liability limit (from \$1 million to \$2 million) would be done under an "umbrella" policy form to be forwarded as soon as it arrives. Also included was a 2 1/2 page insurance summary of coverages and limitations.

VISITORS COMMENTS - Bob McGinty commented on the article in the latest State Fire Chief's newsletter regarding the impact of NFPA #1500 Health and Safety Standards on Fire Departments and Fire District budgets. McGinty expressed that the NFPA Standard amounted to an overkill on safety and would cost the fire service a tremendous amount of money if adopted.

REPORTS - The Chief's report stood as written. Chief Klassen displayed a sample district informational brochure and map drafted by Saratoga firefighter Frank Rose. The brochure covered areas of public fire education, services performed by the volunteers, emergency numbers, and a listing of stations and members. The map would be a useful tool and the district information would be seen regularly if the maps are posted in homes and businesses. The Chief felt that this type of handout could fill the general need to get information about the district into the hands of the people we serve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - There was discussion on the response status of the surplus 4x4 pickup. The Chief informed the board that we're waiting for Foote Communications to install the mobile radio and the door decals. Commissioner Gabelein asked if the board felt the district could spend about \$2,000 to completely outfit the 4x4 at this time. This would be enough to include a light bar, winch, and bed liner, all of which could be used on other or a similar vehicle in the future and therefore would not be a waste of money. The board unanimously approved this proposal.

The question of where and how to store the 4x4 and Rescue Boat was discussed with suggestions ranging from adding a bay or two at the rear of the Bayview station to construction of a lean-to type covering or a detached garage. Problems with setback requirements and drain field regulations would have to be overcome. General consensus was to look into an enclosed storage area for the 4x4 and boat.

Commissioner Gabelein asked what the results were on the station tour in August. Commissioner Worland advised that the Saratoga station was due to be painted inside and out.

**NEW BUSINESS** - There was general discussion regarding whether to remodel, rebuild, or maintain the Freeland station "as is" with minor improvements. Commissioner Worland suggested the district have the lot surveyed for setbacks and drain field locations to define what the future construction options might be. Again, there was general discussion on costs and the alternatives available to the district to meet those costs, e.g. bond sale, lid lift, etc. Consensus was to put this on the October agenda for further discussion.

Commissioner McClellan requested the Chief to look into the feasibility of a sleeper program for the Bayveiw station on weekends.

**VOUCHERS** - Commissioner Worland made a motion to pay the monthly vouchers. Commissioner Gabelein seconded the motion; motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Commissioner Gabelein moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Worland seconded; meeting adjourned.

