

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.3

REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 9, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman Byron Worland. Also present were Kenneth McClellan, Gary Gabelein, Bruce Klassen and Hazel Dods-worth.

Ken McClellan made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as written. Gary Gabelein seconded the motion; motion carried.

Correspondence: Bruce Klassen informed the meeting that the Rescue Squad had received a donation of \$50.00 for their services, and a second letter contained a contribution of \$15.00 for the CPR class. Both had been acknowledged.

Chief's Report: In connection with the recent purchase by the fire district of a compressor, it was requested by the commissioners that a wire mesh cage be constructed to go around the compressor for protection.

County Fire Chiefs' Meetings: Gary Gabelein requested that the Chief notify him whenever the County Fire Chiefs held their meetings as he would like to attend. Bruce Klassen informed him that the meetings were scheduled for the third Thursday of every other month - the next meeting being due on May 16th.

Repairs: Chief Klassen informed the board that the leak at Freeland had been repaired by Jerry Thorn. In regard to the Bush Point Station, Bill Kohlwes had wanted to know if it should be completely sided over. The commissioners felt that he should go ahead and do that, and in addition put a door on the hose tower, fix the platform and cover the windows. It was understood that the district would be charged labor and materials for all items except the covering of the window, which they understood Kohlwes had agreed to do.

Volunteer Firemen: The Board officially accepted John (Ted) Lile as a new volunteer firemen.

Visitors: At 7:25 pm the Board turned their attention to the arrival of Mr. Ed Vance and Mr. Rich Rogers, who had come from Oak Harbor to give the District their thoughts on purchasing and installing a surface rescue boat on the south end of Whidbey Island.

Mr. Vance outlined the type of aid his REACT team performed and how he had enlisted the help of Fire District #2, and was instrumental in obtaining a rescue boat for them. He informed the Board that he was now eager to launch a campaign to raise the necessary funds to purchase a similar boat for Fire District #3, provided the commissioners were agreeable to such a project. A boat would run around \$10,000 and Mr. Vance felt he could possibly raise the entire amount. He asked the Board if he could go ahead and act as the District's agent and begin making arrangements to raise the necessary funds.

Gary Gabelein made a motion to give tentative approval to the plan, with a final decision to be forthcoming at the next commissioners meeting in May. Byron Worland seconded the motion; motion carried.

(Note: Ken McClellan, in order to attend a previously scheduled meeting, had to leave before Mr. Vance had finished his presentation. He had, however, expressed a favorable view of the project before leaving).

Byron Worland made a motion to adjourn the meeting for a short time to give the commissioners time to inspect the rescue boat which Mr. Vance and Mr. Rogers had brought down from Oak Harbor. Gary Gabelein seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 pm.

Investment Program:


Bruce Klassen, in bringing up a subject he mentioned in his monthly report, informed the Board that further inquiries on his behalf had indicated that it may or may not be possible for the District funds to be invested, as outlined in his March report. Since there was some uncertainty about the whole project, he suggested that the Board delay any decision until he had investigated the matter further.

Vouchers: Gary Gabelein made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Byron Worland seconded the motion, motion carried.

Gary Gabelein made a motion to adjourn the meeting to executive session at 8:40 pm. Byron Worland seconded the motion; motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at 8:55 pm.

Gary Gabelein made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Byron Worland seconded the motion; motion carried.



Hazel Dodsworth