

*ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3*

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**Fire Station 31  
5535 Cameron Road Freeland, WA 98249  
November 2, 2011 – 5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

In Attendance:

Chairman Mike Helland  
Commissioner Bob Elliot  
Commissioner Kenon Simmons  
Chief Rusty Palmer

In Audience: AC Busch, DC Cotton, DC Beck, Captain Beck, Gary Gabelein.

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Helland called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.
- II. Consensus Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Simmons moved to approve the agenda; motion carried.
- III. Approval of Vendor vouchers – Commissioner Elliot moved to approve the vouchers due before the next Regular Commissioners meeting, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011; motion carried.
- IV. Budget – Chief Palmer presented the latest revision of the proposed 2012 budget. The Commissioners reviewed the budget focusing on the shortfall of \$104,512.86 for the operations budget and the capital expenditure requests. After much discussion the board agreed to revise the capital expenditure requests. The Quint Aerial Apparatus was cut from the list and the current Aerial Apparatus, which is out of service, will be on the surplus list for the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. The SCBA compressor and the Fire Boat were approved. The Marine Tow vehicle was approved at a lower cost of \$125,000. The Remodel of station 36 was lowered to \$50,000 to cover maintenance issues that must be completed to continue use of the building. The shortfall in the operations budget will be covered by lowering the 2012 capital fund deposit from the policy minimum of 25% to 20% of the tax revenues for the year.

The possibility of a Levy Lift in the coming year was discussed due to shortages in revenue for operations and replacement of equipment and structures. Chief Palmer will meet with Liz Loomis on Friday to discuss moving forward with the Levy Lift. The Bayview Station plans were discussed briefly, as the need to replace or remodel station 36 becomes more apparent as the years pass.

- V. Adjournment – 6:57pm

Cindy Rehberg  
District Secretary