

**ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**5535 Cameron Road, Freeland, Washington**  
**September 9, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

In Attendance:

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

Audience: Jerry Beck , Jon Beck, Jim Berto, Paul Busch, Mike Cotton, Gary Gabelein, Gary Ingram, Christine Parker, and Connie Shields

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
- II. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Helland moved to approve the Agenda as printed, motion carried.
- III. Public Input - Nil
- IV. So. Whidbey Volunteer FF & EMS – The Association President Kevin Craig is moving off the Island to take a new job. VP Jimmy Berto assumes his position. Lt. Craig will be missed.
- V. Consent Agenda - All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of Island County Fire District #3's Board of Commissioners for reading and study. They are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Commissioners with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request.
  - A. Approval of Minutes
    1. Regular Meeting August 12, 2010
    2. Special Meeting (Budget Workshop) September 1, 2010
  - B. Finance Officer's Reports
  - C. Monthly Vouchers –
    1. August 2010 Payroll Warrants 180- 93 & 648210-648232 \$61,490.79
    2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Volunteer Pay Out 648162-209 \$20,329.34
    3. August 2010 Vendor Warrants 648233-284 \$63,644.08
  - D. Chiefs Report

Commissioner Elliot moved to approve the Consent Agenda as printed; motion carried.
- VI. Unfinished Business - Nil
- VII. New Business
  - A. Thompson Road Property Listing Changes – The Board directed their attention to the District's real estate agents Christina Parker and Gary Ingram. Ms. Parker reported the price on the Thompson Road Property was proving to be too high for current market conditions. The Board discussed alternative plans for marketing with Ms. Parker and Mr. Ingram. Commissioner Elliot moved to relist the property as one piece with options of splitting into 2 lots, lowering the price to \$349,000 and authorizing the Chief to sign realtor's changed contract; motion carried.
  - B. Policy Revision 1<sup>st</sup> reading – 1.14.4 - Updating Meeting Time – see attached

reading.

- C. Burn Permits – Island County approached the District with a possible proposal of the County handing over to the District the responsibility of issuing and overseeing the burn permits within District 3. By stature the Sheriff's Office will still be responsible for enforcement. The Board agreed to have Chief Palmer pursue an analysis of the prospect and take action accordingly.
  - D. Resolution 2010-08 Surplus Equipment – Commissioner Elliot moved to approve Resolution 2010-08 surplus 90 sets of Globe Turnout Gear; motion carried.
- VIII. Announcements – Div. Chief Jon Beck announced he has accepted an employment offer from a department in Thurston County. No timeframes were given.
- IX. Varia –
- A. The local Senior Services has requested the District's support in "Project Life Saver" which makes available to Alzheimer patients GPS bracelets. These bracelets have significantly reduced the time needed in locating a lost patient. Chief Palmer will research if providing funds is appropriate for the District and will also approach the Fire Chiefs Association and the Volunteer Association for their support in the effort.
  - B. Chief Palmer informed the Board that the Cultus Bay Radio Tower Building has deteriorated and in need of replacement. Previously owned pre-engineered buildings are available at a greatly reduced price which may be an option in replacing the present building quickly and in the present budget.
  - C. Since the old radio tower has found its way back to the District a study is in progress to see about resurrecting it somewhere in the Freeland area. Freeland Water District will review the request from the District for use of one of their locations which may have strong potential.
- X. Executive Session – Discuss two personnel matters – At 6:25pm Chairman Simmons recessed the meeting into an a fifteen minutes Executive Session to discuss 2 personnel matters. Meeting reconvened at 6:40pm.
- XI. Action taken as result of Executive Session – No action taken.
- XII. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Paula Schuler  
District Secretary