

**VASHON ISLAND FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

Minutes

Date: 06/14/16

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: 10020 SW Bank Rd., Vashon, EOC

REGULAR MEETING

- 1 **Present:** Candy McCullough, Chair
2 Brigitte Schran-Brown, Vice-Chair
3 David Hoffmann, Commissioner
4 Camille Staczek, Commissioner
5 Ron Turner, Commissioner
6 Hank Lipe, Chief
7 Susan Wolf, Minute Taker
- 8 **Guests:** Susan Reimer of the Beachcomber, Alice Larson, various members of the duty crew.

9 **Amendments to Agenda**

10 PERC issue was added.

11 **Approval of 05/22/16 Special Meeting Minutes**

12 Motion by Commissioner Hoffmann:

13 **“I make a motion to approve the minutes of 5/22/16.”**

14 **MINUTES APPROVED, 5-0**

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16 **Approval of 5/24/16 Minutes**

17 Motion by Commissioner Hoffmann:

18 **“I make a motion to approve the minutes of 5/24/16.”**

19 Correction: On Page 2, Line 41; the \$17,000 figure was corrected to “approximately \$17,800.”

20 **MINUTES APPROVED as amended, 5-0**

21 **Voucher Approval**

22 Motion by Commissioner Turner:

23 **“I move that we approve the referenced vouchers as detailed in Administrative
24 Memorandum 05.24.2016-1.”**

25 **MOTION PASSES, 5-0**

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27 **Chief Lipe's Report**

- 28 • The money for the SCBAs from FEMA has been deposited into our account. The chief is
29 still hopeful that the leftover funds can be used to replace our compressor and hopes to hear
30 approval for that in a few weeks.
- 31 • He had a meeting with Erick Tomlinson of South King Fire Training Consortium and
32 Battalion Chief Coll about the transition of VIFR water rescue abilities to comply with the
33 training consortium. He congratulated Joe Wolf and Ben Davidson for completing their
34 rescue swimmer certification.
- 35 • He met with representatives of various offices of King County and the Executive's Office,
36 Office of Emergency Management and King County EMS and the community group that is
37 spearheading healthcare issues on the island. The Chief briefed everyone about the potential
38 EMS high demands so that they can develop operations to bolster our response capabilities.
39 The Director of King County EMS is prepared to work with King County Fire Chiefs to
40 develop such an operation. She thinks that type of project could be paid for out of the King
41 County EMS contingency funds. More on this later as he's meeting with the King County
42 Fire chiefs in the morning and the King County EMS advisory committee in the afternoon.
43 The Chief doesn't know what that will look like, but could be a "Round Robin" of mutual aid
44 where aid crews and cars come to the island if we're getting slammed or in preparation of
45 heavy demands. It would billed to the county. He wants to have those plans in place before
46 leaving.
- 47 • Cascadia Rising was a complete success last week. The chief complimented all the
48 volunteers and staff here. Others learned what we knew – that transportation lanes for
49 supplies are critical. Hopefully the chief can meet with King County Office of Emergency
50 Management to reinforce that need for the future. He thanked the commissioners that
51 participated. He said it couldn't have gone any better. A friend of Commissioner Schran-
52 Brown who was working in the OEM center in Renton told her the National Guard said
53 Vashon was head and shoulders above any others.
- 54 • The Chief emailed District members his resignation.
- 55 • Tomorrow at King County EMS there will be a vote to approve \$247,000 reimbursement out
56 of the county's contingency fund to offset the 12 months of excessive overtime due to
57 employees out on injuries.

58 **New Business**

- 59 • The Board would like to send out a thank you for participants in the Cascadia Rising
60 exercise.

61 ACTION ITEM: Chief to provide a list of participants.

62 **Old Business**

63 SOG 2059 Chaplain and Critical Incident Stress Program

- 64 • This guideline will bolster the Chaplain's Response.

65 Closure of the Franciscan Clinic

- 66 • The Chief was informed by Tag Gornall yesterday that they have heard from the
67 University of Washington. They have communicated with King County and Vashon
68 about the financial implication of moving onto the island. Basically it will take 1
69 million dollars up front and another \$500,000 per year. They have had no other
70 formal correspondence. Forming a hospital district is an option but is governed by

71 politics. The Chief encouraged the Board not to miss a meeting regarding this
72 Vashon Healthcare group especially concerning the implication to junior taxing
73 districts (such as VIFR).

- 74 • Susan Reimer spoke to Tim Johnson about the plan to work on a hospital district and
75 was told sometimes hospital districts include funds for fire districts. There is a
76 meeting July 8 about their plan to partner outside and develop a plan to have a
77 community-based clinic with a hospital district. It might be possible to do it in such a
78 way that it doesn't impact us. Another option might be to run a barebones clinic on
79 an interim basis. She's to meet with them on Friday when they (the Vashon-Maury
80 Health Collaborative) meet with providers.

81 Medic One Proposal Update

- 82 • The Chief sent a modified draft to King County EMS. Michele Plorde is negotiating
83 with the labor union on that draft. Friday morning at 8:15 a.m. he is meeting with
84 Michele and with Commissioner McCullough and hopes to get more information.

85 Q/A Committee

86 Two commissioners need to meet and exchange information.

87 Strategic Plan Update

- 88 • Chief Lipe recognized Alice Larson in the audience who confirmed that right now,
89 until the medic situation is resolved and there is a plan to cope with the health clinic
90 closure, the Strategic Plan is on hold.

91 PERC Issue

- 92 • There are two Unfair Labor Practice charges against VIFR management from the
93 union. The first will be heard sometime in July. An attorney is reviewing some
94 things for the second charge, which deals with light duty and will probably be heard
95 in the fall. The Chief is working with an attorney to prepare for that. Former
96 Assistant Chief George Brown is working with an attorney on PERC 1. If he hears of
97 a date, he'll let the Board know.

98 **General Comments**

- 99 • Comment was made by Bill Buchanan, who thanked Chief Lipe and the Board for
100 allowing Commissioner Schran-Brown to continue to serve as a volunteer EMT.
101 That morning there were three transports with multiple Zone 1 callbacks (requesting
102 volunteers to respond). Their decision has paid off for the citizens of the island.
- 103 • Susan Reimer was present during the Cascadia Rising exercise and commented that
104 the sheer numbers of volunteers and enthusiasm was unprecedented. Alice Larson
105 commented that because of the practice of the exercise, lives will be saved.
106 Commissioner Schran-Brown noted her friend (who also participated in the exercise
107 from Renton) commented that of all the requests for resources from all over the
108 county, 70% came from Vashon. Jason Everett's name was noted by the friend has
109 having made the requests.

110 **For the Good of the Order**

- 111 • There will be a farewell party for Chief Lipe Sunday at 3:00 p.m, June 26 at Commissioner
112 Schran-Brown's home.

113 **Documents Signed**

114 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

115 The open meeting closed at 6:55 p.m. and simultaneously moved into Executive Session pursuant to
116 a provision of RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The Executive Session was closed at 7:05 p.m. and the
117 meeting was opened to the public.

118 Motion by Commissioner Turner:

119 **“I move we extend an offer to Bob Larsen to fill in as interim Assistant Chief of**
120 **Operations.”**


121 **MOTION PASSES, 5-0**

- 122 • Bob will be offered an interim Assistant Chief of Operations contract.

123 The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

124 *The next Regular Meeting will be on 06/28/16 at 6:30 p.m. at 10020 SW Bank Rd, Vashon, EOC Room*

Approved this 28 day of June, 2016.



Candy McCullough, Chair



Susan Wolf, District Secretary