

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

3 Minutes

4 **Date:** 09/09/14

5 **Time:** 6:30 p.m.

6 **Place:** 10020 SW Bank Rd., Vashon, EOC Room

7 **REGULAR MEETING**

8 **Present:** Camille Staczek, Chair  
9 David Hoffmann, Vice-Chair  
10 Candy McCullough, Commissioner  
11 Rex Stratton, Commissioner  
12 Ron Turner, Commissioner  
13 George Brown, Assistant Chief  
14 Susan Wolf, Minute Taker

15 **Absent:** Hank Lipe, Fire Chief

16 **Amendments to Agenda**

17 A/C Brown adds, "Grants" to Old Business.

18 **Approval of 08/26/14 Minutes**

19 Motion by Commissioner McCullough

20 **"I move we approve the minutes of the last meeting of 8/26/14."**

21 **APPROVED, 5-0**

22 **Voucher Approval**

23 Motion by Commissioner Turner:

24 **"I move we approve the referenced vouchers and transfers as detailed in**  
25 **Administrative Memorandum 09.09.14-1 and 10-013-0010."**

26 **MOTION PASSES, 5-0**

27 **Chiefs' Reports**

28 *A/C Brown:*

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- 30 • 19 Explorers showed up at their first meeting of the year.
  - 31 • Nicole is organizing the Open House Saturday, October 11, after Fire Prevention Week in the schools. Commissioners are encouraged to attend. CiderFest is also that day.
  - 32 • For the information of the Board, Chief Brown explained that for screen printing uniform shirts, Class C T-shirts, we are using a vendor called NW design. We tried to work with an island source, but the vendor notified us that he was not able to do it to our specifications.
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- There have been some issues recently with our compressors in the basement. We have air compressors for medical oxygen, firefighter's self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), and air compressors for the trucks. Two of the compressors, according to manufacturer's directions, need to be located away from moisture with plenty of ventilation. They are located next to a sump pump in the basement and are very noisy. We enclosed them because of the noise, but now there are issues with the compressors. Bob is going to build a place for them in the Training Center bay area and they will be relocated across the street.

## Old Business

### Medic One Proposal

- A/C Brown explained about a new computer phone application (app) called Active 9-1-1. It is set up so Emergency Responders can get pages on their smart phones without using a pager. It was developed by a former Bellevue/Redmond firefighter who now lives and works in California. Game apps use this technology with players around the world so now Zone 3 fire departments are experimenting with it. Medic One is also participating in a free trial and today Paramedic Johnson's phone rang before house tones went off. The app is \$10 per user per year.
- Chief Lipe and Executive Fogarty have both been out of town but plan to get together soon to continue planning for medic transition.
- There are some personnel issues with a member that are being investigated.
- One of our Administrative Assistants is out on medical but hopes to be back on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

### Grants

- Regarding Brigitte Schran-Brown & Ben Davidson's presentation about grants: they have been researching for three grants: a boat, a "gator" (people mover) and SCBAs. They submitted a grant application for new SCBAs and if we don't get it, we'd like approval to apply again. Most grants are matching funds, but not 50/50; sometimes 80/20 or 90/10. SCBAs are a must for us. Chief Brown is now asking for direction on which ones we should go forward on. The Gator grant is mostly done; the boat has had preliminary work done. To avoid wasting time researching and writing grant applications, the chief asked the Board for direction but not for endorsement for actually submitting the grant – only doing the research.

### Questions/Comments from the Board included:

1. What would the boat cost to maintain it after the grant money runs out? Having a fire-rescue boat available was a popular idea with local realtors; the gator was also. Some people are not for the boat, comparing it to the ladder truck which was thought by many to be unnecessary. The boat is a potential cost to the district and we're facing a shortfall in 2015. While VIFR's relationship with the public is getting better, it was thought by some that purchasing a boat might not be well received.
2. Chief Brown asserted our current SCBAs are junk and need to be replaced because it is a life/safety issue, to which the Board seemed to have consensus.
3. Gator is important to get to people, especially with trees down, etc.
4. Parks tried to raise \$3,000 could not get it. VCCC got \$30,000, but it is unsure we would get money to support a boat. Especially with revenue down, expenses up, the union will be asking for salary increases with new contract.

- 80 5. Would the money be better applied getting replacement engines?  
81 6. The Port Authority is the source for the boat grant while other entities supply  
82 grants for other items so the money is not all coming from the same source.  
83 7. Purchasing new engines is a great point, whether to buy or get assistance to buy.

84 Motion by Commissioner Stratton:

85 **"I move that we authorize the Chief of Ops to continue to explore the three**  
86 **grants and to continue to develop information to bring back to the Board."**

87 After a brief discussion, Commissioner Stratton WITHDRAWS his motion.

88 Motion by Commissioner Stratton:

89 **"I move we pursue the grant for the SCBAs."**

90 **MOTION PASSES, 5-0**

91 Motion by Commissioner Stratton:

92 **"I move that we continue to explore acquisition by grant for the gator."**

93 **MOTION PASSES, 4-1**

94 Motion by Commissioner Stratton:

95 **"I move that we explore acquisition by grant for a fire/rescue boat."**

96 **MOTION PASSES, 3-2**

97 **New Business**

98 Next Meeting Date

- 99 • Secretary Wolf proposed cancelling the Regular Meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> and scheduling a  
100 Special Meeting on 9/23 in order to approve payroll before the transfers occur.  
101 Consensus was for the meeting to be scheduled, Wednesday, Sept 24.

102 **General Comments**

103 None.

104 **For the Good of the Order**

105 None.

106 **Documents Signed**

107 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

108 *The next Regular Meeting is CANCELLED. A Special Meeting will be held on 09/23/14 at 6:30 p.m. at*  
109 *10020 SW Bank Rd, Vashon, EOC Room*

110 Approved this 24 day of Sept., 2014.


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Camille Staczek, Chair

  
Susan Wolf, Minute Taker