

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

Minutes

Date: 11/10/15

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: 10020 SW Bank Rd., Vashon, EOC

REGULAR MEETING

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Present: Candy McCullough, Chair
David Hoffmann, Vice-Chair
Rex Stratton, Commissioner
Camille Staczek, Commissioner
Ron Turner, Commissioner
George Brown, Assistant Chief
Susan Wolf, Minute Taker
Avi Rana, Minute Taker

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10 **Absent:**

Hank Lipe, Chief

11 **Guests:**

EMT Brigitte Schran-Brown, Firefighter/EMT Ben Davidson, Lt. Charlie Krimmert, Randy Tonkin, Andy Johnson, Rick Brown, Matt McCan, Tom Bruskotter, Jason Everett, B. Kranjceovich, Editor Anneli Fogt, Joe Ulatoski, Tag Gornal, William Buchanan.

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15 **Amendments to Agenda**

16 Add item under New Business: Employee Insurance Program

17 Add item under Old Business: Revisit the decision to install Security Cameras

18 Motion by Commissioner Staczek:

19 **“I make a motion that we put it [security cameras] back on the agenda”**

20 **Approval of 10/27/15 Minutes**

21 Motion by Commissioner Stratton:

22 **“I move that we accept the minutes from the last meeting.”**

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MINUTES APPROVED, 5-0

24 **Voucher Approval**

25 Motion by Commissioner Turner:

26 **“I move that we approve the referenced vouchers and transfers as detailed in**
27 **Administrative Memorandum 11.10.15-01.”**

28 **MOTION PASSES, 5-0**

29 **Chiefs' Reports**

30 *Assistant Chief (A/C) Brown:*

- 31 • Chief Lipe has just returned from vacation and will not be attending the meeting tonight.
- 32 • ESO Conversion/SunPro: So far it has been a smooth transition headed by Captain Smith.
- 33 He will have more information on how smoothly it is going tomorrow.
- 34 • Changes in the IT World: Currently in the process of converting current desktop roaming
- 35 profiles and adding it on to a new system. A/C Brown has been using the program as a
- 36 trail for the last two days to work out any bugs. The plan is to change everyone's profile
- 37 by next week.
- 38 • SCBA's Grant: Met two weeks ago and finalized most of the details on that plan. Orders
- 39 will be placed this week, delivery time is now 3-4 months. It will be costing out of next
- 40 year's budget but we will have to put in our matching contributing.
- 41 • Received quotes on replacing the air compressor that is on its last leg. He is working with
- 42 FEMA representatives on utilizing any leftover money of the SCBA Grant to cover the
- 43 cost of the compressor.

44 **New Business**

45 VIEMA:

- 46 • Vashon Island Emergency Management Area is an inter-local agreement among the
- 47 school, water district, fire district, roads and police. In a case of emergency where the
- 48 King County cannot serve the island, the authority to act as the Incident Commander is
- 49 passed to the Chief of the fire district.
- 50 • We need to appoint another VIEMA representative once Commissioner Stratton leaves at
- 51 the end of the year. The representative has to attend a three minute meeting a year.
- 52 Commissioner Staczek has volunteered for this position.

53 Interim District Secretary Appointment:

54 Motion by Commissioner Turner:

55 **“I move that we appoint Jojo Weller as the interim District Secretary in the**
56 **temporary absence (or medical leave) of Susan Wolf and she be paid at the**
57 **appropriate level.”**

58 **MOTION PASSES, 5-0**

59 Employee Insurance Program:

- 60 • Gary Cummings prepared his yearly insurance report but was unable to attend the
61 meeting tonight. Report states that there are no increases in the medical, dental or vision
62 insurance. There is also no increase in group life, disability, and voluntary life insurance.
63 • Gary recommends the Board accept the current insurance that we have for next year as
64 well.

65 Motion by Commissioner Stratton:

66 "We will renew our insurance with the Washington Fire Commissioners
67 Association (WFCA).

68 **MOTION PASSES, 5-0**

69 **Old Business**

70 Security Cameras:

- 71 • There is a need to install security cameras as cars have been vandalized in the
72 station's parking lot, items have gone missing, there have been reports of
73 homeless people jumping the fences and Commissioner has witnessed a door
74 being open 1/3 of the time.
75 • One of the quotes for security camera had the inside camera as a separate cost,
76 and when the question was brought up, it made sense to reinstitute/upgrade
77 interior cameras as there used to be there before. The intention was not to spy on
78 anybody.

79 Comments:

- 80 • Questions were raised on the real purpose of the security cameras. Having
81 cameras focused in the bay and in the maintenance areas denigrates trust and the
82 volunteers/paid staff doesn't see the need for them, perhaps for the outside.
83 • For the possibility of few thousands of dollars' worth of items to be stolen off of a
84 rig, since everything else is locked up, does not outweigh \$15,000 cost of
85 cameras, it's installation and it's long time maintenance cost.
86 • According to the Captain, not shutting the bay door closed is a training issue, but
87 there have been no complaints about doors being left open. Reasonable action
88 would have been to let the firefighters know of the issue, and given time for
89 improvement as this was never brought to their attention.
90 • A Commissioner states that security camera is a management decision, it should
91 come from the chiefs. The Board is now acting to micromanage rather than set
92 policy. The policy is to protect and secure the property; the management (the
93 chiefs and the captains), decides how that will be achieved.
94 • The maintenance building is secured every night with an alarm system that is
95 monitored 24/7, and doesn't need camera as it already has security.
96 • Question was brought up on why only secure one station and not the rest of the
97 district. There have only been two incidents in the last 25 years in the main fire
98 station, while we've had more damage done to the outlying stations. Those
99 stations clearly need security as they are unmanned 24/7. There is a door alarm

- 100 system in place in all of the outlying stations; however they are not active due to
101 the disconnection of the phone lines.
- 102 • The minutes of July 7th, and the email sent out by Chief Lipe has been interpreted
103 differently. Volunteers and paid staff state that the email clearly suggests using
104 cameras for surveillance purposes, while some of the Commissioners say the
105 email stated if the cameras are to be used for surveillance purposes then that
106 would have to be negotiated.
 - 107 • Commissioner McCullough has concerns with the installation of inside camera.
108 She suggests postponing voting until further communication with the Chief and
109 revisit the topic in the next meeting.

110 Commissioner Staczek makes a motion:

111 **“I would like to move to withdraw the resolution passed in the last meeting**
112 **regarding surveillance cameras for further consideration.”**

113 MOTION FAILS, 2-3.

114 2016 Budget Final Draft:

- 115 • Open Public Meeting is scheduled for 11/17, at 7 pm in this room.

116 Q/A Committee – TABLED (8/25/15)

117 Chief Evaluations – TABLED (7/14/15)

118 Medic One Proposal Update:

- 119 • After the canceled meeting, the group has met twice. There was a meeting
120 yesterday, but A/C Brown hasn't heard any results.

121 Strategic Plan Update:

- 122 • No update, waiting on the Medic One Proposal Update.

123 **General Comments:**

- 124 • Part of the issue here is the absence of Volunteer/Paid Staff in the Commissioners
125 meetings. We should have been attending the meetings, and he would like to take
126 the responsibility for that. Candy would like to acknowledge that she understands
127 the staff is busy volunteering and training, however that does create lack of
128 communication sometimes.
- 129 • A/C Brown: Reminder for Annual Awards Banquet. It is on Dec 5th 5:30-10 pm at
130 Camp Burton. He will be handing out ballots to everyone, please make sure to
131 return to him as soon as possible so he can get the plaques made.

132 **For the Good of the Order**

133 None.

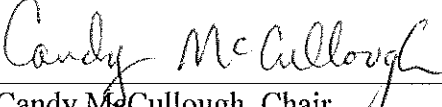
134 **Documents Signed**


135 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

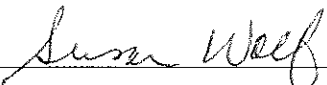
136 At 7:12 p.m. the meeting moved into Executive Session pursuant to a provision of
137 RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). At 7:29 pm the meeting was extended for 10-20 more minutes. At
138 7:42p.m. the Executive Session closed and the public meeting opened at and was
139 simultaneously adjourned. No decision was made.

140 *The next Regular Meeting will be on 11/24/15 at 6:30 p.m. at 10020 SW Bank Rd, Vashon, EOC*
141 *Room*

Approved this 24 day of Nov., 2015.


Candy McCullough, Chair


Avi Rana, Minute Taker


Susan Wolf, Interim District Secretary

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