

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

**Date:** 06/12/2019

**Time:** 19:00

**Place:** 10019 SW Bank Rd, Penny Farcy Memorial Fire Training Center, Large Classroom

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Present:** Brigitte Schran-Brown, Chair  
Candy McCullough, Vice-Chair (arrive 19:01)  
Dave Hoffman, Commissioner  
Camille Staczek, Commissioner (phone-in)  
Andy Johnson, Commissioner  
Charles Krimmert, Fire Chief (arrive 19:04)  
Jojo Weller, District Secretary

Raechel Ehlers, HR

**Absent:** Robert Larsen, Assistant Fire Chief

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Amendments to Agenda**

- Confirm Jim Walkowski's role with the District
- King County Code for fireworks letter

**New Business**

- Ratify any and all contracts and/or instruments that have been previously executed by Chief Krimmert to effectuate the sale of Station 57, already declared surplus by the District.
- Authorize Chief Krimmert to execute any and all further contracts and/or instruments necessary to effectuate the sale of Station 57.
  - Commissioner Johnson asks if AC Larsen should be added to the motion
  - Chief Krimmert clarifies the specific motions on the table are to ratify any and all contracts that have been previously executed and to also authorize execution of any and all further contracts necessary to effectuate the sale of station 57 made by him. He suggests that the board also add motions to authorize both Chief and AC be able to sign contracts for the District as well as ratify past contracts previously signed. For all perpetuity it should be put in the chiefs contracts as well.
    - i. Vice-Chair McCullough asks if a dollar limit should be stated
    - ii. Commissioner Johnson sees no reason to put a dollar limit
    - iii. Commissioner Hoffman points out that most anything that requires a contract would go through a bid process so he doesn't see a need for a dollar limit

- Chief Krimmert mentions the last effort to secure the pending sale was yesterday's septic system inspection which successfully passed to the best of his knowledge. However he has not seen the documentation yet and will anticipate closing on the 18th.
- Chair Schran-Brown asks if the District needs to do a public disclosure for the sale of station 57
  - i. Chief comments the resolution in place to sell station 57 was approved
  - ii. DS Weller comments she researched this concern and believes the District does not have to. Additionally the District has been in contact with legal counsel and they did not advise it.

**Approval to ratify any and all contracts and/or instruments that have been previously executed by Chief Krimmert to effectuate the sale of Station 57, already declared surplus by the District.**

Motion by Commissioner Johnson:

**"I make a motion to approve to ratify any and all contracts and/or instruments that have been previously executed by Chief Krimmert to effectuate the sale of Station 57, already declared surplus by the District."**

**MOTION APPROVED, 5-0**

**Approval to authorize Chief Krimmert to execute any and all further contracts and/or instruments necessary to effectuate the sale of Station 57.**

Motion by Commissioner Johnson:

**"I make a motion to approve to authorize Chief Krimmert to execute any and all further contracts and/or instruments necessary to effectuate the sale of Station 57."**

**MOTION APPROVED, 5-0**

Motion by Vice-Chair McCullough:

**"I make a motion to authorize AC Larsen to execute any necessary contracts to do the business of the District not relative to anything in particular in between commissioner meetings."**

**MOTION APPROVED, 5-0**

Motion by Vice-Chair McCullough:

**"I make a motion to authorize Chief Krimmert to execute any necessary contracts to do the business of the District not relative to anything in particular in between commissioner meetings."**

**MOTION APPROVED, 5-0**

Motion by Commissioner Johnson:

**“I make a motion that previous contracts signed by Chief Krimmert and AC Larsen are accepted by the Board and considered binding.”**

**MOTION APPROVED, 5-0**

- Confirm Jim Walkowski’s role with the District
  - Chair Schran-Brown would like to confirm and clarify Jim is to investigate/fact find the needs of the District for better communication, work on personnel issues and recommend tools for the District to work with in the future. He will evaluate and make recommendation starting with interviewing the rank and file. Jim believes that interviewing the members first will give him perspective on how they see the Board and how they fit in with the Board and then come back to the Board by having a much bigger picture.
  - Vice-Chair McCullough was under the impression that the Board was going to meet with Jim first and then move forward with a plan that the Board developed. In her opinion, talking with the line before the Board is not the right path. To her one board member representing the Board doesn’t give a clear picture. She remembers discussing that after Chair Schran-Brown, Chief and Raechel met with Jim that the Board was going to meet with him afterward. If he has different ideas the Board should discuss it and make a decision as a board.
  - Commissioner Hoffman agrees with Vice-Chair McCullough and would like to meet with Jim first.
  - Commissioner Johnson does not think the order of the meetings matter. The Board approached Jim as he came highly recommended. However Jim can be added to the board meeting agenda if that is the Board’s decision but should not be prolonged for another month.
  - Vice-Chair McCullough is surprised by the proposed rate of \$90/hour. At the last Board meeting it was suggested that his rate would be nearly free. At \$90/hr it’s more important for the Board to provide a scope.
  - Chief suggests that the logic Jim meeting with the Board first is so the Board can guide objectives and cost. With this guidance Jim can approach it however he sees appropriate. The Board can decide objectives at tonight’s meeting. The Board can have a couple liaison, a lead and a backup, to represent the Board and communicate to Jim so the Board does not have to hold a special meeting or hold this process up any longer.
  - Raechel confirms when she spoke to Jim this afternoon that he is seeking clear direction from the Board. Jim also clarified that he will not get involved in personnel issues.
  - Board Objectives for Jim (in order of importance):
    - i. Communication (believed to be the root cause of all problems)
    - ii. Common understanding and common goals
    - iii. Trust and respect
  - Commissioner McCullough will call Jim in the next few days to communicate these objections then Jim will do his fact finding and afterward meet with the Board or vice versa depending on Jim’s recommendation as soon as possible.

- There was a list sent to Jim of members he can interview, about 7-10, and now with Board members added.
- King County Code
  - Chair Schran-Brown would like everyone to look at the first draft to our representatives regarding fireworks to discuss in our next regular meeting.
  - Chief comments that this is more strength from elected officials to elected officials and to offer that county has not responded to the interlocal agreement contract. If the commissioners can make a mention of this in their letter to remind them that their property is not protected.

**General Comments**

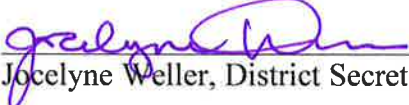
**For the Good of the Order**

Adjourned at 20:28

*The next Regular Meeting will be on Wednesday 26 June 2019, at 18:30 at 10019 SW Bank Rd, Vashon, Penny Farcy Training Center, Large Classroom*

Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019

  
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Brigitte Schran-Brown, Board Chair

  
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Jocelyne Weller, District Secretary