

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

Minutes

Date: 1/27/15

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

REGULAR MEETING

- 1 **Present:** Camille Staczek, Chair
2 David Hoffmann, Vice-Chair
3 Rex Stratton, Commissioner
4 Candy McCullough, Commissioner
5 Ron Turner, Commissioner
6 George Brown, Assistant Chief
7 Susan Wolf, Minute Taker
8 **Absent:** Hank Lipe, Fire Chief
9 **Guests:** James Cottrell of Praxis and Paramedic Andy Johnson

10 **Amendments to Agenda**

11 None.

12 **Approval of 1/13/15 Minutes**

13 Motion by Commissioner Hoffmann:

14 "I move we approve the minutes of 1/13/15."

15 **APPROVED, 5-0**

16 **Voucher Approval**

17 Motion by Commissioner Turner:

18 "I move we approve the referenced vouchers and transfers as detailed in
19 **Administrative Memorandum 01.27.15-1."**

20 **MOTION PASSES, 5-0**

21 **Chiefs' Reports**

22 *A/C Brown:*

- 23 • The King County Office of Emergency Management officials (KCOEM) came to the
24 island. VashonBePrepared and the EOC Team gave an impressive tour of the island and
25 disaster groups, such as the equestrian team. As a result of that successful meeting,
26 KCOEM is going to buy our new 900 MHz radio for our EOC.

65 that is how we are seen internally as well – with adequate amounts of staffing,
66 stock and facilities to deliver what the community expects.

- 67 • The team was trained on SWOT analysis: Strengths (internal), Weakness,
68 Opportunities and Threats (external) that would hinder us reaching from our
69 goals. We need information from the community: what do they expect, for what
70 services are they willing to purchase? Questions to be answered include: What is
71 the desired number of volunteers vs. career? How do we keep volunteers active?
72 Are we sufficiently integrated with the community? Then develop a succession
73 plan to continue the plan forward.
- 74 • The next step is to recruit community members for a “SPOT,” a Strategic
75 Planning Oversight Team of 12-15 people. It would be best to bring together
76 team members from broad section of the community. Data collection would
77 come from two primary sources: community and small focus groups. Another
78 possibility is conducting an island-wide survey as well as using internal data.
79 After gathering information, it would need to be interpreted in order to address
80 strategic issues, then the plan could be drafted. The goal is a five-year plan, with
81 a ten-year financial forecast. The last step is a review by the oversight team and,
82 with the resulting community advocacy, it would be presented to the Board.
- 83 • James Cottrell explained they have taken into account what Orcas Island,
84 Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap have done in the way of community outreach
85 to get their strategic plans.
- 86 • The Board cautioned the team to be very careful when talking about finances.
87 The team will need professional advice on what we (as a government agency) can
88 and cannot do. We can determine what we need, what the community wants, and
89 what can we get volunteers to do so that they are one with the District. The team
90 has concluded that it would be best to get a cross section of the community, go
91 into focus groups to find out what the public wants and educate them on what the
92 Fire District is capable of. SPOT can be educated by the Leadership Team and
93 then SPOT can take their questions and information out to the community. They
94 will need an outline before they go to the public and get internal input first. The
95 target date to start is the first or second week of February.

96 ILA concerning Fire District Prorating Resulting from the PSERN Levy

- 97 • At first glance, Chief Lipe seemed to approve of the ILA, but now there’s a big
98 rub. The county currently uses 800MHz radios and wants to move to 900MHz,
99 which will cost \$280 million. The King County Executive’s office wants to do a
100 seven (7) cent lid lift because they are already at their levy limit, which would
101 push down prorating so the other districts down the chain will lose seven cents.
102 We would be impacted. There are questions on open governance.
103 Representatives from Washington Fire Chiefs and Washington Fire
104 Commissioners Association want to be on the governing board. The county
105 excluded the fire commissioners, who are pushing back. The radios are \$4,000
106 each and would last ten years; the levy would last nine years. So, by the time the
107 radios need replacing, the levy would need to be renewed. Maintenance and
108 upgrades would be at the cost of the using districts - and no one knows how much
109 that would be. Commissioners are asking the districts to table it until some of
110 these issues are more clearly defined.

111 Motion by Commissioner Stratton:

112 "My motion is to table the ILA until we receive more information from the
113 county."

- 114 • Enumclaw and the Port of Seattle are not on the county system. A/C Brown
115 purchased used radios for \$100. If it doesn't go through we have to pay for new
116 radios at about \$250,000. If the county does this, they will pay for the radios.

117 **MOTION PASSES, 5-0**

118 Medic One Proposal

- 119 • There has been no movement on this. The Union and Chief Lipe are co-authoring
120 a letter. Jim Fogarty and John Hebert have seen a little bit of movement in King
121 County. And all the other parties are waiting for the county who has a number of
122 large issues to resolve before moving onto the Medic One transition.

123 **General Comments**

124 None.

125 **For the Good of the Order**

- 126 • Comments from the Board were that the Leadership Team gave a great
127 presentation.
128 • The King County Fire Chiefs and Commissioners Installation was attended by
129 two commissioners and Chief Lipe.
130 • VIFR was initially turned down by Grannies Attic for a grant for the "gator"
131 (People Mover) because they believed they could not give money to an entity
132 other than another 501(c)(3) but Commissioner Stratton will talk to them and
133 advised they can give to government agencies. Rex is their treasurer and a co-
134 worker of Commissioner McCullough is their president. Commissioner Stratton
135 was thanked for keeping the Board informed.


136 **Documents Signed**

137 Having no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

138 *The next Regular Meeting will be on 02/10/15 at 6:30 p.m. at 10020 SW Bank Rd, Vashon, EOC Room*

Approved this 10 day of Feb., 2015.


Camille Staczek, Chair


Susan Wolf, Minute Taker