

# ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1

Camano Island Fire & Rescue (CIFR)  
REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
Vista/Madrona Fire Station  
April 22, 2019

Chairman Williams called the regular Commissioners meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Those in attendance were: Paul Williams, Jan Treml, Steve Lich, Erik Krieg, Jerry Evans, Craig Helgeland and Darla Tiner. There were Several Crew and Guests present.

The flag salute was led by Chairman Williams.

**Commissioner Lich moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Krieg seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA –**

1. Minutes of April 8, 2019, Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Vouchers: 2 EFT's for \$94,841.84, Payroll EFT for \$236,322.91, Expense Vouchers #191320 - #191359 for \$135,129.81, Capital Fund Voucher #191360 for \$509,498.64, all totaling \$975,793.20.

**Commissioner Treml moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 and 2 as presented. Commissioner Evans seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.**

## **GUEST SPEAKERS –**

- **Northwest Incident Support (NWIS)** – Director Julie Boyer and Lead Chaplain Joel Johnson introduced themselves to the Board and presented what NWIS is about and what they do:
  - Part of Hope, Unlimited, they started on Camano Island in 2004, dealing with grieving families to help free up First Responders and Police Officers. Available 24/7. Also do requested follow-ups.
  - Faith-based, but do not proselytize.
  - They also cover North County, Stillaguamish area and District #15. Also serve Cascade Valley Hospital.
  - Current shortage of Chaplains on the Island as many have retired; looking for more recruits.
  - Very stringent training at the WA Chaplain Academy; classroom training and ride-alongs. Minimum of 6 months of shadow training.
  - Funding – Non-profit. Hold fund raisers. Have signed LOU's with the agencies they serve for annual funding.

They answered questions from the Board and the audience. Chief Helgeland expressed a heartfelt thank you to them from the District and the Crews for their service.

- **ICOM Dispatch** – Director Tom Shaughnessy introduced himself to the Board and talked about the operations of ICOM and answered questions from the Board and the audience.
  - Been operating for 22 years. Mr. Shaughnessy has been there 19 years.
  - Small, with 22 employees, but serve all of Island County Police, Fire and EMS. Average 140 events per month.
  - Mr. Shaughnessy served as a Fire Commissioner for CIFR for 10 years, so understands their needs.
  - Held a recent meeting with his staff and the CIFR staff regarding concerns with Dispatch and CIFR. His staff is willing to come here anytime to help with concerns.
  - Question regarding 911 Texting – ICOM is set up for this but it is used very little. The former Police Chief was not in favor of it because it is hard to manage, and it isn't used much. Texting cells cannot be pointed, only an area of location is given. Mr. Shaughnessy will speak with the new Police Chief to get his view.

- Question on cell “dead spots” – This does make call location more difficult. Cell calls can be picked up by neighboring towers in other Counties, or even Canada.
- Question regarding joining FirstNet (dedicated bandwidth for 1<sup>st</sup> responders-regulated through the FCC) – Already a part of it, along with ICSO. Not sure if other agencies are.
- Question if ICOM post their call stats on a website. The Director stated that the calls are not theirs to post, they belong to the agencies.
- 3-5 Year Plan? – Upgrade network, but need to find the funding first.

**CHIEF’S REPORT** – Interim Chief Helgeland gave his report.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Several newspaper articles and a Citizen thank you.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY** - Chief Helgeland recognized FF’s Scott Webb and David Winship for completion of their one year probation as a Career Firefighter with CIFR.

Chairman Williams suspended the meeting at 5:05 p.m. for family and friends to congratulate FF’s Webb and Winship.

Chairman Williams resumed the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT** –

- Citizen Cynthia Smith spoke to her concern of an audio system at the Commissioner meetings. She presented the Board with a handout of her concerns and her survey of seven citizens regarding their attendance at Board meetings. Main concern expressed was unable to hear. Also asked about the suspension of Board meetings at the Mabana Fire Station. This was dropped during the latest schedule of meetings because the Board needed a more standard schedule to follow to lessen confusion.
- Citizen Lilija Tushinski asked what efforts there were in replacing the Mabana Fire Station (Sta. 1-5). The Board explained what is currently being done and that it takes time and funding. She suggested having the Island County Commissioners assist in the legal issues. Stated that the Community would be willing to help fund the new Station.

Commissioner Trembl asked Chief Helgeland to bring a list of other events where the audio system could be used besides the Commissioner meetings.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** –

Safety/Risk Management – Next meeting June 13th.

SNO-ISLE – Next meeting May 2nd at 7:30 p.m., WSDOT, location District 4.

SCAF Scholarship – Commissioner Trembl reported that SCAF only received one application for CIFR. Not sure if it fully meets the requirements. Committee will award the scholarship with stipulations to assure the student is meeting the intent of the scholarship. SCAF will closely monitor the student’s progress. Applications for all agencies was low this year.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** -

Strategic Plan – On hold until the new Fire Chief starts.

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Review of District Policies – Postponed to May 28 meeting

Community Paramedic Discussion

- Incoming Chief Yengoyan is working to finalize details between District #15 and CIFR's usage of District #15's CP; the LOU between the two Districts has been signed.
- Commissioner Trembl said the Board had stated that the CP should work a 40 hr./5 day work week shift to be able to interact with other agencies.
- Commissioner Krieg stated that the scheduled hours need to benefit the Community, not the Employee.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

Insurance Renewal – It is time for the District's renewal of their insurance with VFIS/Macilvennie. Chief Helgeland reported that he and Finance Manager Layton desire to stay with VFIS; they have a great working relationship with them and have always been treated well. They are very timely in handling things.

**Commissioner Trembl moved to approve the annual renewal of VFIS/Macilvennie Associates as the District's Insurance company. Commissioner Lich seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**PUBLIC INPUT** – None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next Commissioner Meeting Monday, May 13, 2019, 4:30 p.m., at the Administration Office

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Tiner  
Board Secretary