

# Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

1825 South Lake Stevens Road, Lake Stevens, WA 98258

March 4, 2010

0930 hours

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Elmore called the meeting to order at 0934 hours.

## ROLL CALL

Chairman Elmore, Commissioner Lorentzen, Commissioner Foster, District Secretary/Legal Counsel Brian Snure, Chief Faucett, Deputy Chief Lingenfelter, President Eagle, Vice President Aamold, Guest Lucille Ecklund, and Laana Larson.

## ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

### **Special Guest Lucille Ecklund**

Commissioner Foster introduced guest Mrs. Lucille Ecklund. Her husband was on the Board of Commissioners for Lake Stevens Fire and served for 34 years. She is hoping we can offer her suggestions to help. Retirement is only paid through the death of the individual. The Volunteer Pension Board didn't get notification of her husband's passing and continued to pay for 1 1/2 years. They now want everything back and they have no hardship policy or reduced scale payment option. Would the years of his service warrant some help on our behalf, knowing that we are restricted on what we can do?

Chairman Elmore commented he can understand how notifying the Volunteer Pension Board wouldn't be the first thing on one's mind in this situation.

Commissioner Foster commented the Volunteer Pension Board has since stepped up their educating of people as they sign for their pension plans.

District Secretary/Legal Counsel Brian Snure summarized the Volunteer Pension Board is saying they cannot waive the fees and the District cannot not financially assist. There is a big difference between what is right and what is legal in these situations.

Commissioner Foster commented if she cannot pay, the family should send a letter explaining this is beyond her means and to please accept their apology. He is not sure if all the letters will stop; however it will not go to a collection agency.

Lucille Ecklund commented her husband was a volunteer from 1961-1984, and a Board member from 1984-1995. He was 1 1/2 years short of being fully vested.

Commissioner Foster commented due to the politics at the time once he began serving as Commissioner he was forced to stop his role as a volunteer.

Chairman Elmore commented given how long ago those records were kept, and records were not kept well back in those days, it is unlikely that we would find them.

Commissioner Lorentzen suggested we could go ahead and help with the letter and pursue finding the information if that is where the Commission would like to go.

Chairman Elmore asked Commissioner Foster to go ahead and obtain records from the Volunteer Pension Board and assist with the writing of the letter.

Commissioner Foster agreed to contact the Volunteer Pension Board once again and try and find some answers just to be sure we have exhausted all of our options.

Lucille Ecklund commented she appreciates the assistance.



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Fire Chief Gary L. Faucett

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**Granite Falls District 17**

Chairman Elmore commented he has had some informal discussions, noting that District 17 has concerns regarding their ALS agreement.

**MINUTES**

**Minutes 10-02-18**

Motion to approve the February 18, 2010 Commissioner Meeting minutes as submitted.  
Motion by Commissioner Lorentzen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Foster.  
Vote Unanimous.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Vouchers**

Motion to approve Foster Press Voucher 1003049 in the total amount of \$144.44 as submitted.  
Motion by Commissioner Lorentzen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Elmore.  
Vote Passed. Commissioner Foster abstained.

Motion to approve Expense Vouchers 1003001 through 1003048 in the total amount of \$37,314.69 as submitted.  
Motion by Commissioner Lorentzen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Elmore.  
Vote Unanimous.

Motion to approve Capital Vouchers 1003001 through 1003002 in the total amount of \$11,311.77 as submitted.  
Motion by Commissioner Lorentzen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Foster.  
Vote Unanimous.

**Expense Report**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

District Secretary/Legal Counsel Brian Snure commented the Senate passed the Impact Fee Bill. Our work is 80% there. Now they will just need to add impact fees into the comprehensive plans. This is really good news.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion**

**Labor Relations**

This topic will be discussed in executive session at the end of the meeting.

**Action**

**Policy 140 Use and Rental of District Facilities**

Chief Faucett commented we continue to address the issues regarding facility use.

Motion to approve the revised Policy 140 Use and Rental of District Facilities as submitted including two additional revisions, inserting "two weeks notice" in article 2.21 and fixing typo in article 2.22.  
Motion by Commissioner Lorentzen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Elmore.  
Vote Unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion**

None

**Action**

None

The next regular Commissioner Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 9:30am located at the Board Room, 1825 South Lake Stevens Road, Lake Stevens, WA.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

### **Property Acquisition – Torrington Ridge**

Chief Faucett commented the bank is looking for the RFP.

### **Healthcare Update**

Chief Faucett commented he is meeting with President Eagle and Vice President Aamold today. Leah Schoof is researching the actual costs of other plans.

### **Maintenance Position**

Chief Faucett commented we have offered the position to Michael Frymier. He was Chief Engineer for Embassy Suites and he is very qualified.

Chairman Elmore asked if we kept information for Candidates 2, 3, 4 in case he chooses to leave down the road.

DC Lingenfelter commented we have all the information, however we may still choose to start the process over again if need be.

### **Office Assistant Position**

Chief Faucett commented we offered the part-time position to Sara Grandy. She lives here in Lake Stevens and the position will be 17 hours a week. She currently works for construction in payroll and her start date will be April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Senator Hobbs Office Space**

DC Lingenfelter is working with the Senator's staff to make this happen. The Senator requires his own internet access, and he should be here by the middle of April.

### **Station 81 Update**

DC Lingenfelter is currently discussing this topic with the Battalion Chiefs. Once the Maintenance position is filled we will only do what we need to do for the safety and health of our employees.

DC Lingenfelter commented they have been working through a list of priorities including the following: electrical, air conditioning, and heating systems. Replacements for the Station 82 furnaces have been ordered and we are replacing external fluorescent lights at Stations 81 and 83 (PUD is paying 50% for moving to energy efficient bulbs).

### **Property Update**

We received a check for the sale of the Chapel Hill house. We are still working on the sale of the other two houses. We are still considering the dividing up of the professional building for lease. McKinney is marketing aggressively and the word is getting out there.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Commissioner Foster commented he appreciated the meeting with Lane Youngblood, and he is excited to see the results at the end of the process.

Commissioner Lorentzen commented he enjoyed meeting with Lane as well. We have a lot going on and he thanked everyone for their hard work.

Chairman Elmore had no additional comment.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Elmore called for an executive session regarding labor relations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4) (a) and the Chief's contract pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) for 15 minutes at 1130 hours with potential action to follow. Executive session included Chairman Elmore, Commissioner Lorentzen, Commissioner Foster, District Secretary/Legal Counsel Brian Snure, and Chief Faucett. Chairman Elmore reconvened the open public meeting at 1145 hours.

The Commissioners moved forward with the following motion.

Motion to amend Chief Faucett's contract to correct clerical error regarding district's monthly contribution to Chief's deferred compensation from \$904.20 to \$1115.27.  
Motion by Chairman Elmore and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Foster.  
Vote passed. Commissioner Lorentzen abstained.

Chairman Elmore signed the corrected version of Policy 140 Use and Rental of District Facilities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1155 hours.  
Motion by Commissioner Lorentzen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Elmore.  
Vote Unanimous.

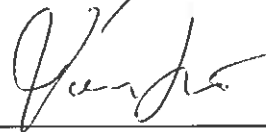
*Minutes respectfully submitted by Laana Larson, Communications Director.*



Chairman Troy Elmore



Commissioner Dan Lorentzen



Commissioner Vern Foster