

THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT THREE

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

July 31, 2017

Present: Vice Chair Kirkbride, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Dobry, Chief Brooks, Facilities Equipment Technology Director Matt Chambers, and Captain Christiansen. Chair Roberts attended via teleconference.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Kirkbride called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: To accept the agenda as presented.

Motion: Commissioner Nelson

Second: Commissioner Dobry

Carried: Unanimous

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC/ MEMBERS PRESENT

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution # 855-07-17 regarding Bonds for Fire Stations, Vehicles, and Equipment:
Discussion and Approve/Reject

Chief Brooks referenced Resolution #855-07-17 and the ballot narrative including the proposed ballot language not to exceed \$19,975,147 for the purpose of paying the cost for constructing a new Station 34, converting the existing Station 34 into a training facility, construction additions to Station 33 and the Vehicle Repair Facility, renovations to Station 35, minor updates and renovations to other facilities and the purchase of other fire emergency and medical equipment. Chief Brooks stated that the District has engaged in community education to include a Public Hearing and two open houses. He reported that the Special Meeting Notice for today was published and the District has not been contacted by any members of the public wishing to speak today. He stated that the Capital Facilities informational video on the website is approaching 1K views. He informed the Board that the "proposed new Station" sign is erected on the Steilacoom Rd. property.

MOTION: To adopt the Resolution # 855-07-17 regarding Bonds for Fire Stations, Vehicles, and Equipment.

Motion: Commissioner Nelson

Second: Commissioner Dobry

Commissioner Wilson commented that she supports the motion. She stated that if the District doesn't act now, the facilities will be too far behind for growing demand. She reported that she received an inquiry about the marked trees on the new proposed station property. A neighboring citizen was concerned that the marked trees were to be removed. Commissioner Wilson reported that she informed the citizen that it was not the case. She recommended an informational effort to differentiate which trees are to remain or be removed.

Chair Roberts commented that she is in agreement to move forward before costs escalate. She stated that she appreciates the diligence of staff and the Board to develop a comprehensive but reasonable plan.

Commissioner Nelson commented that he's in support of moving forward and is concerned that cost will escalate significantly if the proposed projects are delayed.

Commissioner Dobry commented that he supports moving forward and encourages the District to continue keeping the public informed about the vehicle repair facility expansion and the role of reimbursement revenue from the lease.

Vice Chair Kirkbride is in support of the resolution to provide capacity for the growing service demand. He stated that the five-year plan sets the stage for moving forward. He advised that the expansion of the VRF will meet District and partners' needs. Chief Brooks commented that it will meet the current needs of the District as well as its role as a shared regional facility.

Roll call vote.

Vice Chair Roberts **YES**. Chief Brooks signed for Commissioner Roberts on her behalf.

Commissioner Dobry **YES**

Commissioner Nelson **YES**

Commissioner Wilson **YES**

Vice Chair Kirkbride **YES**

Carried: Unanimous

B. Appointment of Pro/Con Committee Members for Voter Pamphlet

Chief Brooks reported that he received interest confirmation from citizens Ruth Weigalt and Graham Sackrison to represent the Pro Committee. Vice Chair Kirkbride stated that he heard from citizen Lowell Gordon via email and reported that Lowell Gordon agreed to serve on the Pro Committee. Chief Brooks informed that the District had no response from citizens to serve on the Con Committee. He advised that the Auditor will solicit for a Con Committee separately.

MOTION: To appoint Ruth Weigalt, Graeme Sackrison, and Lowell Gordon to the Pro Committee.

Motion: Commissioner Wilson

Second: Commissioner Dobry
Carried: Unanimous

V. ADJOURN

The Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Chair


Commissioner


Commissioner

Vice Chair



Commissioner



ATTEST: District Secretary