

**Fire Commissioner Special Meeting  
San Juan Fire Protection District 2  
Orcas Island Fire & Rescue  
October 03, 2016**

*This is a Special Meeting.* The Secretary informed the Commission that the notice requirements of RCW 42.30.080 have been met by email transmission of a notice of this meeting to *The Islands' Sounder* and *Orcas Issues* and the posting of such notice in the lobby of Station 21 and the District's website. Such notice was transmitted and posted on September 28, 2016 at Eastsound Fire Hall, 45 Lavender Lane, Eastsound, WA 98245, and specified the time and place of this special meeting and the business to be transacted. Each Commissioner has either received or waived notice pursuant to such statute.

**Present:** Commissioners Barbara Bedell, Chair and Wesley Heinmiller, District Secretary Patricia Ayers, Acting Chief Scott Williams, members of Orcas Island Fire & Rescue, and members of the community.

**Meeting Called to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

**Changes to Agenda**

None.

**Public Comment #1**

1. There was no reason for the executive session stated on the agenda for this meeting.
2. A member of the community asked about the possibility of having a regional San Juan County fire chief rather than one fire chief for every district in the county.
  - a. Acting Chief Scott Williams pointed out that the Washington State Ratings Bureau (WSRB) requires that a district fire chief is available for all fires and major incidents.
  - b. Community member Clyde Duke mentioned that county counsel is currently discussing this topic, but it would take upwards of two years to make it happen.

**Executive Session**

There was an executive session held for 20 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30(1)(h) (to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office).

**Reconvene**

Commissioner Wesley Heinmiller made a motion to appoint Amanda Montague to serve out the term as commissioner position #1, pursuant to Resolution 2016-09. All commissioners present approved the resolution, which will be signed at the next regular meeting on October 17 when Ms. Montague takes the Oath of Office.

**Public Comment #2**

1. A community member stated that it's very important to have the new person put into the commissioner position and up to speed as soon as possible. This is a critical time for the fire district, and it'll be important to have all three commissioners in tune to what's going on with the current situations.
2. I am very disappointed in the choice that the BOFC has made. There were far more qualified candidates than the one selected.
  - a. Commissioner Heinmiller stated that from his perspective, he felt having someone on the board with a strong business and financial sense is extremely important at this time.
3. I support and respect the decision the commissioners made with their choice.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Re-appoint a Chairperson – Current Chair Barbara Bedell announced that there hasn't been a change in chairperson for two years, and she would like to relinquish her position as chair and made a motion to appoint Commissioner Wesley Heinmiller as the new chair. All members present approved the motion.

Commissioner Heinmiller will take on the chair position commencing with the next regular meeting on October 17, 2016.

**Announcements**

- Regular BOFC Meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

**Adjournment**

5:40 pm – Adjournment to Executive Session


6:00 pm – Adjournment of Executive Session

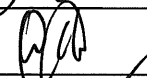
6:15 pm – Adjournment

**Respectfully submitted:**

  
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Patricia Ayers, District Secretary

**Approved:**

  
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Barbara Bedell, Chair Commissioner

  
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Wesley Heinmiller, Commissioner

  
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Scott Williams, Acting Fire Chief