



South Beach Regional Fire Authority, PO Box 1195, Westport, WA 98595



**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES for the purpose of ratifying the purchase of property located at 805 East State Route 105, Aberdeen, WA 98520
January 15, 2020-5:00 PM
506 N. Montesano Street, Westport, WA 98595**

Call Meeting to Order:

The South Beach Regional Fire Authority Governance Special Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson, Alfred Schroeder representing Commissioner District Four at 5:00 PM. The meeting was held at 506 N. Montesano Street, Westport, WA. In attendance were the following Board Members: David McLellan representing Commissioner District Three, Tom Bearden representing Commissioner District Two, Bob Parnell, Vice-chairman, representing Commissioner District One, Sam Schlegel representing Commissioner District Five. Chief Dennis Benn, Chief Daryl Brown and Governance Board Secretary Teresa Hart were present. Governance Board Secretary Diane McNett was present.

Flag Salute:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Levee Lumber Property:

Chief Benn stated he was asked to look at the coffee property to see if it as available for sale. The owner has stated they were not interested in selling but would for a price of \$550,000. Chief Brown reached out to the realtor for feasibility time and we have been granted an extension of January 30, 2020 with a closing date of February 7, 2020.

Chief Benn added that in October a resolution was approved stating that the property would be purchased. Sam Schlegel questioned if there was any other property nearby that would work for a new fire station. Sam's thoughts were that the property was in a great location, but he wants to be sure we have looked at all options. Chief Benn stated he honestly did not know of any property that would fill the bill like the Levee Lumber property would but that the survey was favorable per the phone call from Berglund, Schmidt.

Chief Brown stated that the property is centrally located and is beneficial in meeting several requirements for Ocosta.

Commissioner Tom Bearden stated it appeared to him that our motion was very clear that the property had been approved. Discussion regarding if the fire authority would be making a move to the Levee Lumber property was discussed and Tom pointed out that it isn't something we have to decide right now. The decision to buy the property is the issue right now. Questioned was when the environmental survey would be completed and in hand. Chief said he expects it soon.

Commissioner Bob Parnell noted that he is concerned what the voters will think when the excess levies are run. His concern is the status of the building that is on the property and the costs to demolish and replace.

Chairman Schroeder felt like the board has done what is reasonable to determine if the property is worthy to purchase. Commissioner Dave McLellan agreed.

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Commissioner Tom Bearden stated he would like to have the survey in our hand before we totally commit to the property. All commissioners agreed.

Discussion followed with Tom Bearden making a motion to authorize and move forward with the purchase of the property located at 805 East State Route 105, Aberdeen, WA commonly known as the Levee Lumber property contingent upon a satisfactory Level One environmental survey. In addition, there shall be a clarification of the legal description of the property. Motion seconded by Dave McLellan. Vote was taken with Dave McLellan, Sam Schlegel and Tom Bearden voting yes. Bob Parnell voted no. Motion carried.

Teresa stated that a voucher needs to be signed authorizing payment of the down payment. Motion made by Dave McLellan to authorize a voucher in the amount of \$190,982.67 for the down payment of the property located at 805 East State Route 105, Aberdeen, WA. Motion seconded by Tom Bearden. Vote was taken. Dave McLellan, Tom Bearden, and Sam Schlegel voted yes. Bob Parnell voted no. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business a motion was made by Bob Parnell to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 PM. Motion seconded by Tom Bearden. Motion carried.