

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Board of Commissioners
of the
Fishers Island Ferry District**

A SPECIAL meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District was held in the FI Community Center on **Thursday, July 21, 2011** at 5:00 PM.

Present were Commissioners: Brooks, Burnham, duPont, Edwards and Rafferty
Commissioner Brooks opened the meeting; a quorum was present.

Minutes from June 30th meeting were reviewed and amended.
Moved by Commissioner Edwards; Seconded by Commissioner duPont. AYES all.

Minutes from July 1st meeting were reviewed and amended
Corrections will be e-mailed to commissioners for approval at the next meeting

Minutes from the July 5th meeting were reviewed and amended
Corrections will be e-mailed to commissioners for approval at the next meeting.

Minutes from the July 7th meeting were reviewed and amended.
Corrections will be e-mailed to commissioners for approval at the next meeting.

Minutes from the July 12th meeting were reviewed and amended.
Moved by Commissioner Edwards; Seconded by Commissioner Rafferty. AYES all.

New Business

1. Asst. Manager Schmid continues to look for tellers from the election on August 9th.
No person affiliated with the Ferry District will be allowed to be a teller. It was suggested that because of her knowledge and expertise, along with her contacts on the Election Board, Asst. Manager Schmid be allowed to oversee the election process.
The Board agreed.
2. Two Property Insurance proposals were received. The Board reviewed both proposals and decided to remain with GENCORP, the previous carrier.

On a **MOTION** by Commissioner duPont; **SECONDED** by Commissioner Brooks;
Resolved that the Insurance Proposal from GENCORP be accepted for the year 2011-2012, commencing on August 1, 2011

Ayes: Commissioners Brooks, Burnham, duPont, Edwards. NAYES: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Rafferty; pending a meeting with the insurance agent.

3. A pay increase for Jim Traub was reviewed.

On a **MOTION** by Commissioner Brooks; **SECONDED** by Commissioner duPont; Resolved that having completed his probationary period on July 17th, Jim Traub have his wage increased by \$1.00, to \$15.00 per hour. A performance evaluation will be conducted in 6 months for a possible market adjustment.

Ayes: Commissioners Brooks, Burnham, duPont, Edwards and Rafferty. NAYES: None.

4. The GNCB proposal for the north ramp was distributed with an explanation of the additional charges to move forward. Commissioner Edwards would like to review the original design and proposal before agreeing to anything new.
5. Preliminary 2012 budget numbers were reviewed. Commissioner duPont discussed a line by line review of both expenditures and revenue numbers. Commissioner Brooks asked for a breakdown of the postage machine and utility costs used on Fishers Island. He also asked about the heating costs for the New London terminal. Management to check on any needed float coats.
6. The upcoming OFF PEAK schedule was reviewed. The new schedule needs to be in place by August 11th. Captain Easter sent his thoughts about eliminating some boats during the dead of winter. It may be time for another “shoulder season” schedule. Tom Doherty will develop one and e-mail it to the Commissioners who then may send it out to the public for their thoughts.
7. The recent Health Insurance proposals were discussed.

On a **MOTION** by Commissioner Brooks; **SECONDED** by Commissioner Edwards; Resolved that HCG Service LLC be awarded the Medical Insurance coverage for the years 2011-2011, commencing on September 1, 2011. The company will propose 3 separate plans to the Commission for approval. Then employees will have their choice of which plan they would like to choose. A thank you letter will be sent to Mary Center for all of her fine service over the past 20 years.

AYES Commissioners Brooks, duPont, and Edwards.

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Rafferty, because HCG Services is his health provider.

Public Comment

Jay Parsons commented that fuel price increases could be controlled with fuel surcharges. He also thought the fares would be easier to manage if charged each way. He also wanted to know if the Board has considered a passenger only ferry. The web site should have all of the meeting posted, even the Special Meetings. He feels that \$20,000 per year for computer maintenance and web upkeep is way out of line. He stated that other businesses on the island do their own maintenance. Nina Schmid mentioned that other businesses don't have a 24/7 reservation system and all of the work that entails.

Deb Shillo stated that at the July 5th meeting, there was no work list on the agenda. She asked if Jim Traub and Ray Lafevre did the same job and was told “yes”. She noted that fuel usage and credit card fees were larger last year probably because of the bike path road paving. In checking the postage cost, one needs to find out when the contract expires. She is also in favor of returning to a two ticket system. The MTA tax and social

Security are both based on payroll. Can we get an up to date Bond Schedule from John Cushman?

Specifics of the new freight policy need to be set up and instituted as far as the number of days to store freight, the charges etc. Management will draw up a draft policy for review.

Andrew Braun commented that the district needs to purchase a digital recorder. He was told that they have a cassette recorder and that Catherine Edwards has been hired to take the minutes. If she requests a digital recorder, one will be purchased.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at 4:30 PM in the Fishers Island Community Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Thomas F. Doherty
Manager/Secretary