

STUART ISLAND AIRWAY PARK OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 31, 2019

Board members present: Rhys Spoor, Jason Douglass, Kipp Carroll, Bill Shivers, Randy Thompson, Danette Carroll

Other members present: Dennis & Dolores Thompson, Britt & Reanne Thompson, Holly Fearnbach, John Durban, Earl & Joan Root, Ken Snyder, Mary Alice Ranta, Greg & Janelle Fritz, Chris Pack, Steve Saunders, George & Charlene Renquist, David Jenks, John & Lin Bunton, Candice Mauseth, Bill Babcock, June Bohannon, Sally Shivers.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Rhys Spoor.

Agenda Topics:

Reid Harbor Ramp:

Repairs and improvements are much needed on the ramp. Suggestions are to 1) widen the ramp to 16 feet across from the existing 10 feet; 2) straighten the ramp; 3) pave down to the low tide line. However, there are several surveys that need to be completed and the county must okay the request for these improvements.

Rhys reported that an eel grass survey was conducted by Jen Jay, Inc, an environmental assessment company. This is a state required biodiversity assessment that needed to be completed by September 30th. As of meeting time, there was no report of the findings. The cost of the survey is projected to be around \$2,500. There will also be a land survey done but are waiting for that to be scheduled. That is projected to cost around \$3,000. Good news from WDFW was that the ramp is on the WDFW Inventory of Barge Landing Sites in San Juan County list from 2004, which will help with the WDFW and the county process. Several board members will need to take the survey data and present it to the county for approval. The process will likely take a year to complete.

The final cost with construction, materials, surveys and permits may push the cost of the ramp to around \$30,000. The board will send out updates throughout the winter.

San Juan County EMS & Fire District Inclusion:

Norvin Collins, San Juan County Fire Chief; Albert Olson, Fire Commissioner; Karl Kuetzing, Interim EMS Chief; Chuck Dalldorf, Public Relations Office, Fire; and Nathan Butler, Public Relations Office, EMS joined us for a discussion update on the integration in process between the Fire District and EMS for San Juan County. Their main objective was to discuss better ways to support Stuart Island with both EMS and Fire Protection and Prevention. The county is moving toward combining the two entities into one command structure to better serve the islands. Currently, Stuart Island is only covered by EMS, through an EMS levy, but the island is not included in the San Juan County Fire District. The objective is to add Stuart Island, along with many other small islands, to the County Fire District. In order for that to happen, residents would need to pay an additional levy for the Fire District. This year the EMS levy was about \$.54 per \$1,000. The added Fire levy assessed would be about \$.50 per 1,000, They proposed assessing just one levy that would include both EMS and Fire Protection for \$1.00 per \$1,000. The benefits would include: 1) Emergency response boat at Roche Harbor, 2) Training on island (CPR, firefighting), 3) On-site equipment and maintenance.

In order for Stuart Island to be included in the San Juan County Fire District, the island needs to be annexed into the fire district, which will allow the island to receive both EMS and Fire coverage. In the new inclusion plan, EMS service cannot be offered separately. The ways to accomplish the annexation are: 1) Petition by 15% of voters filed with the Fire District (if 60%, only step #3 is required), 2) Approval by the county council, 3) Approval by the Fire District Board, 4) Vote by area to be annexed. An alternate method involves annexation based on a petition of landowners who own 60% of the property. Rhys will follow up in the next month and send out reports to the owners.

Prevost Dock Vandalism:

Two boats were vandalized on the Prevost Community dock last week. One boat had two holes drilled into the bottom of the boat and the other had the locking cable cut and stolen. The owners were notified and both filed reports with the San Juan County Sheriff. In the past two years there have been several boats untied from the dock and left adrift. Suggestions were to install motion sensor lights, motion sensor cameras and post signs that the dock area is under 24 hour surveillance. The board will look into options for security to prevent future vandalism and report back to the owners.

Other Business:

The board considered and approved a request for a variance on a water well location.

Candice Mauseth volunteered to chair a group to cut down the small trees lining the runway for safety purposes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danette Carroll, Secretary