

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
April 3, 2023

Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on April 3, 2023 at 4:00 PM at the Island Community Center and via Zoom.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham, Tom Cashel and Jim Reid were present. Also in attendance were Geb Cook, Dave McCall and Jon Haney. Commissioner Shillo was absent. No members of the public were present.

Chair Ahrens established that a quorum was present. Everyone in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

**Correspondence/Public Comment** - Mr. Cook reported that no correspondence was received. There was no public comment.

**Minutes**

**Resolution 2023-052**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the following minutes: March 20, 2023.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid  
Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel  
Ayes: Ahrens, Cashel and Reid  
Nays: None

**Warrant**

**RESOLUTION 2023 – 053**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated April 3, 2023, in the amount of \$296,028.89.

Moved by: Commissioner Reid  
Seconded by: Commissioner Ahrens  
Ayes: Ahrens, Cashel and Reid  
Nays: None

Budget Modification

**RESOLUTION 2023-054**

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District Hereby amends the **2023** Fishers Island Ferry District budget as follows:



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Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Reid  
Nays: None

Discussion ensued regarding the RFP for the bathrooms at 357 Whistler. Commissioner Reid would like to include the kitchen as well. The BOC is in agreement and feels it is best to do everything at one time in the fall.

**HR**

**RESOLUTION 2023-056**

WHEREAS Employee 54262 will be returning for the 2023 summer season and has exceeded the requirements of the deckhand position;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED to increase wages from \$16.14 to \$17.00 with effect April 6, 2023.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham  
Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel  
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Reid  
Nays: None

**HR New Hire**

**RESOLUTION 2023-057**

WHEREAS the Ferry District requires additional summer seasonal Laborers during the peak season between May 18, 2023 and September 16, 2023;

It is further RESOLVED to appoint, with effect May 23, 2023, Lexi Wrobleski as a summer seasonal Laborer at a rate of \$15.00 per hour and on September 15, 2023, Ms. Wrobleski will terminate her summer seasonal position.

Moved by: Commissioner Ahrens  
Seconded by: Commissioner Reid  
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Reid  
Nays: None

**Professional Services**

**RESOLUTION 2023 – 058**

WHEREAS, PJM Consulting, LLC (PJMC) specializes in drafting grant applications related to the marine industry; and

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WHEREAS, PJMC has successfully drafted and was awarded grants in the past for the Fishers Island Ferry District under the name of MJ Bradley and Co.

WHEREAS, the BOC of the FIFD has requested a quote from PJMC for professional services and assistance in the preparation of two grants for federal funding under the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PSGP) and the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) both related to terminal infrastructure upgrades; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District has determined that the familiarity and technical expertise in the submission of these grant applications will enhance the likelihood of an award to the District; and

WHEREAS, PJMC has presented a proposal to the BOC for the provision of professional grant writing services dated March 17, 2023, at the cost of \$235/hr; and

WHEREAS, the BOC of the FIFD has determined that it would not be in the best interests of the taxpayers of the FIFD to seek alternative proposals or quotations from other engineering firms who do not possess MJBA's technical expertise in this field.

Now, therefore be it RESOLVED that the BOC waives the requirement of a second quote in Guideline 8 of the FIFD's Procurement Policy; and be it further

RESOLVED that the BOC of the FIFD hereby accepts the proposal of PJMC dated March 17, 2023 for professional grant services, their fee not to exceed \$12,500.00, subject to the approval of District Counsel.

Moved by: Commissioner Burnham  
Seconded by: Commissioner Cashel  
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Cashel and Reid  
Nays: None

## **Management Reports**

**Race Point Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. Race Point will be back in service tomorrow. There is some remaining paint touch ups that need to be finished.

**Munnatawket Update** - Mr. Haney updated the BOC. The props came back and the boat will be hauled out in a few weeks to complete that project. This will be a short haul. Mr. Haney reported that he was able to reach out to a few generator companies and did find some that were available. Mr. Haney reached out to the naval architect asking for a quote to spec some generators that might be better with the existing exhaust and keel coolers. Generators are approximately \$20,000 - \$25,000 each. The current generators are from 1978 and parts are becoming more difficult to come by.

**Silver Eel** - A haul exam is scheduled for the middle of the month and some bottom paint needs to be completed, as well as, some light maintenance to the outboards. The plan is to have Silver Eel back in the water by late April or early May. Scheduled service will begin right before Memorial Day weekend.

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**Training Specialist** - In an effort to formalize crew training, Mr. Haney reported that there has been discussion regarding having a training specialist. Captain John Morgan was asked to submit a proposal. Discussion ensued. Management and the BOC have agreed to table at this time. Mr. Haney has been advertising on Indeed for ticketing agents and deckhands for the summer.

**Other** - Mr. Cook reported he received a proposal from Race Rock to fix major potholes on the road between Race Rock and the TOS Highway Department shop. The proposal is for \$42,000; however, Mr. Cook is unclear as to what the proposal includes and needs to get clarification from Race Rock. A quote was received for paving for \$95,000. Mr. Cook will reach out to other heavy users of the road including the Highway Department and Waste Management to see if they are willing to help with the cost of the proposed project.

Mr. Cook reported that Mr. Jim Ski asked if it would be ok to put up a gate on the road leading to the airport hangar. Currently there are saw horses preventing cars from driving there because it is an access to the runways. This would be funded privately. The BOC approves. In

addition, Mr. Ski has expressed interest in an area to lease along Race Point road. Discussion ensued. The BOC would like to review the land in question prior to making any decision.

**Survey** - Mr. Cook reported that he has had a meeting with Elliot Bay Design Group regarding the survey and the goal is to have it go out May 1, 2023 for approximately 2-3 weeks. Once results are received, this info would be incorporated into the final report. Mr. Cook would like the final report completed by mid June.

**Ticketing** - Mr. Cook reported things are moving quickly. The format has been laid out and the mock website should be coming out soon. They are currently working on the App. Mr. Cook reported that the goal is to drop the fuel surcharge and incorporate the 7% fee into a final price. Commercial will be increasing. Discussion ensued regarding proposed ticket prices.

**Executive Session** - No Executive Session needed at this time.

**Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 17, 2023, at 4:00 PM at the Community Center and via Zoom.**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner H. Burnham, seconded by Commissioner J. Reid, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.