

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Fishers Island Ferry District
December 22, 2023

Chair Ahrens called a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District (the "Ferry District") to order on December 22, 2023 at 8:30 AM at the Fishers Island Ferry Office and via Zoom.

Commissioners Ace Ahrens, Heather Burnham, and Dianna Shillo were present. Also in attendance was Geb Cook. Commissioners Tom Cashel and Jim Reid were absent. There were no members of the public present.

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

Correspondence/Public Comment - Mr. Cook read a card from employee Polly Ford, thanking the BOC for the holiday bonus.

The BOC questioned how the FI freight operations are going. Commissioner Burnham understands the 4:30pm weekday closure but asks management if freight personnel can standby until 4:40pm for last minute folks to pick up medicine. Discussion ensued regarding any on land candidates, either full time or part time, who can be there before the boat arrives in the am and departs in the pm.

Warrant

RESOLUTION 2023 –184

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District hereby approves the Warrant dated December 22, 2023, in the amount of \$69,965.32.

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

HR RESIGNATION

RESOLUTION 2023 –185

BE IT RESOLVED that, effective December 22, 2023, Employee 82950(Villard Howe) has resigned their position with the Fishers Island Ferry District with no paid time off accruals and no further payments are due.

Moved by: Commissioner. Burnham
Seconded by: Commissioner Shillo
Ayes: Ahrens, Burnham, Shillo
Absent: Cashel, Reid
Nays: None

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Marine Services

Resolution 2023 -186

WHEREAS, DOCKO Inc., a marine engineering firm specializing in planning, design, engineering and construction located in Mystic CT has provided professional engineering services to the FIFD for forty years and has provided valuable input and advise to the BOC on various pending projects; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District has determined that the institutional knowledge and familiarity with the District's infrastructure enables DOCKO, Inc. to provide efficient and expeditious professional services; and

WHEREAS, DOCKO, Inc. has presented a proposal to the BOC for the provision of professional engineering services for engineering / project manager at the rate of \$235.00 per hour; engineering services for engineering technician / computer drafting at the rate of \$170.00 per hour; and engineering services for project administration at the rate of \$150.00 per hour for the term ending January 2024;

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 DOCKO's experience and institutional knowledge.

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

RESOLVED that the BOC of the FIFD hereby accept the proposal of DOCKO Inc. for marine engineering Professional Services dated January 27, 2023 and authorizes the District Manager to execute the professional services agreement, subject to the approval of District Counsel.

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

Executive Session - No executive session needed at this time.

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Next BOC Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024, at 2:00 PM, at the New London Terminal and via Zoom.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner A. Ahrens, seconded by Commissioner D. Shillo, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 am.