

SPECIAL AGENDA

Special Meeting Agenda

San Juan County Fire Protection District #2

Thursday – March 24th, 2022 5:30 p.m.

Online/ by phone via ZOOM: Dial # (253) 215-8782 / Meeting ID: 872 0238 6923/ Passcode: 457106

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Call to Order / Welcome and Introduction

Public Comment

Special Agenda

1. Interviews of Commissioner Candidates
 - Geoff Nelson
 - Kate Hansen
 - Leith Templin
 - Pierrette Guimond
 - Steve Smith

2. Executive Session – **RCW 42.30.110(1)(h)** *To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. However, any interview of such candidate and final action appointing a candidate to elective office shall be in a meeting open to the public;*

3. Commissioner Seat #1 Appointment * *note: If the Board is not ready to appoint a commissioner at this time, this agenda item may be tabled for a future meeting.*

Adjournment and Announcements

The next regular public meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 18th at 5:30 p.m.



ORCAS ISLAND FIRE & RESCUE

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Position:

Unexpired Seat #1

Board of Fire Commissioners

Applicant Name:

Geoff Nelson

Tim Fuller, Chair
Orcas Island Fire and Rescue
Board of Fire Commissioners
45 Lavender Lane
Eastsound, WA 98245

Mr. Fuller,

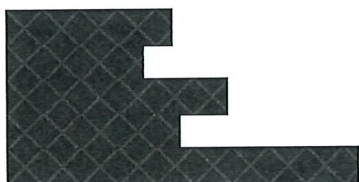
Please let this cover letter serve as my Letter of Intent to apply for the open position on the Board of Fire Commissioners for San Juan County Fire District #2.

As a 10+ year resident of the island and a current member of Orcas Fire, I feel I have a lot to offer the Board.

The challenges facing the department are numerous but not unsolvable. Communication, teamwork and hard work can solve most any problem. I am up to the task and look forward to helping the team and serving the community.

Sincerely,

Geoff Nelson



Geoffrey L. Nelson



Professional Experience

April 2011 – Present Access Equipment

President

Access Equipment provides inspections, certifications and parts fabrication of specialty parts for industrial elevators. Four employees based on San Juan Island. Started the business from scratch on Orcas Island 11 years ago.

March 2021 – Present North Island Marine Services

President

NIMS is a marine construction and mooring services provider. We own two work boats and annually service 500 moorings around the county. Also provide dock moving, service and repair.

Oct. 2003 – April 2011 Cabrillo Hoist

General Manager

Supervised all day-to-day operations of a large rack and pinion elevator lease company with a fleet of over 100 elevators used in high rise construction. Oversaw 100+ employees and managed customer service. California based.

1994 – Oct 2003 Software and Hardware Sales

VP and Regional manager, Sales and marketing

Sales and sales management for three different tech companies selling geospatial software for land management, resource extraction and submarine mapping. International.

Other Related Experience

Dec 2012 – Present Orcas Island Fire and Rescue

Fire Fighter– Completed Structural Fire Academy including awareness level haz mat training. Completed Rescue Academy. Assisted starting the Marine Response program (MRAT). Organized and lead two fire recruit academies for OIFR. President of the Volunteer Association for four years including getting a budget initiated, getting back taxes filed and getting the associations 501c3 status reinstated. Member of OIFR Chief Selection Committee in 2017.

April 1986 – April 1994 US Army

Active Duty and Reserve – Held numerous leadership positions within Armor and Infantry units. Sergeant in Los Angeles Riots(1992). Trainer and evaluator for Army National Guard units(1989-1992). Division Soldier of the Year(1989). Honorable discharge(1994). Received Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medals (3).

Other Related Skills

Strong computer and writing skills * Good conflict resolution techniques * Creative problem solving ability * Fast learner * Self-starter

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Applicant Name:

Kate Hansen

Kathryn Hansen, PMP



February 17, 2022

Dear OIFR Board of Commissioners,

I am submitting this letter of interest for Orcas Island Fire & Rescue's vacant Commissioner seat (Position #1). As a registered Orcas voter, I meet the legal requirements for this position. As a third-generation local, I bring a unique perspective that the current board does not have—I am a home-grown islander with life-long community connections.

Professionally, I bring experience as a former fire department administrator, Board Secretary, and Public Records Officer. I have worked with all divisions of a fire department—from Training & Operations, to Administration, to the Board of Commissioners. I know first-hand the demands, challenges, and rewards of being a fire department member, including those that come with being a public face of your department.

It's no secret that OIFR is facing difficult challenges right now. The relationship between our fire department and community needs repairing. To rectify current divides and move forward, I believe the board and community must work together to rebuild respect, trust, and accountability. I possess unique insight and experience that can help the board navigate this rebuild.

I am aware that Commissioners are the public and serve the public. If appointed to the OIFR Board of Commissioners, I will commit to listen with an open mind to my fellow Commissioners, department staff & volunteers, and the public. I will attentively listen with the intent to understand. I will seek effectual decisions that support the needs of our community and a thriving department. Last, but not least, I will abide by the State of Washington's governing codes for Fire Departments and Boards of Commissioners.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with the Board, staff, and the public, to discuss my candidacy for Commissioner Position #1. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate".

Kate Hansen



KATHRYN HANSEN

PROJECT MANAGER

SUMMARY

I am a certified project management professional who achieves results through a distinguishing blend of creative thinking and factual analysis. I utilize energy, drive, and resourcefulness to overcome challenges; and possess strong communication skills which underscore my talent for building a collaborative environment among diverse personalities.

EXPERIENCE

SELF EMPLOYED

Studio 85 Consulting

2010 - 2022

- Project Management, Event Management, and Systems Improvement specialist

ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST

Northshore Fire (King County Fire Protection District 16)

2016 - 2020

- Provided business management for Training, Operations, Administration, and Fire Prevention divisions
- Also served as Public Records Officer & Board Secretary

CAMPAIGN MANAGER

Ayers for San Juan County Council

2012 - 2013

- Managed a county-wide campaign that spanned 8 rural islands

BUSINESS MANAGER

The Funhouse (Non-Profit Children's Center)

2008 - 2012

- Expanded donor and vendor relationships to increase stability of the organization
- Implemented system to track regulatory filings & monthly business

CONTACT



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SKILLS

- Resourceful
- Collaborative
- Motivated
- Organized
- Self-Disciplined
- Detail Oriented
- Professional
- Instill trust & confidence

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

- Project Management Professional (PMP)
- B.A. in Theatre, emphasis in Stage Management.
Chapman University 2007

COMMUNITY

- Orcas Recycling Services, Board Officer
- Actors Theater of Orcas Island, Stage Manager & Vice President

REFERENCES

Available upon request

Kathryn Hansen, PMP



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Board of Fire Commissioners

Applicant Name:

Leith Templin

Leith S. Templin

March 20, 2022

San Juan County Fire Protection District #2 Board of Fire Commissioners
Orcas Island Fire and Rescue
45 Lavender Lane
Eastsound, Wa 98245

Re: Application to Serve on the BOFC

Dear San Juan County District #2 Board of Fire Commissioners,

Please accept this letter as my application to serve on the Orcas Island Fire and Rescue Board of Commissioners. I have been a community supporter of the fire department since it's early days when the fire house was on Prune Alley. My uncle was an early member of the volunteer fire department and his son, my cousin, helped to develop the EMT/ALS program in the early 70's. The fire department is an extremely important and vital institution for this community. I have been through the ups and downs throughout many years of chiefs, staff, and volunteers. I have participated in many fire commission and strategic plan meetings. Also, I participated on a subcommittee to research five liked sized departments to compare them to the needs of our department at that time.

The department has faced many growing pains over the years in its development. I feel that the organization is going through another extremely important stage of development and at this critical time it would be beneficial to the department for me to be able to share my experience and knowledge. I believe I can bring this experience and work together with the current board to take this organization to the next level.

History and accomplishments

My dedication to this community has been instilled in me my entire life. I come from a long line of dedicated family members, since the late 1890's, to serve my community. We all have been business owners and operators since then. I have learned from the ground up what it takes to operate a successful business and support my community. When I no longer was involved in my family business, I was the general manager of Cascade Harbor Inn and Bartwood Lodge and the office manager for Orcas Island Freight Lines. I managed the employees and did all the accounting for all three businesses. While my three sons were growing, I was involved in many organizations that they participated in. To mention a few, I was on the board of Children's House and was Chair when we purchased the building they currently still own, I was on the board for the private school they attended in elementary school, and a Trustee for the Orcas Island Library District. I am currently a commissioner for the SJC Cemetery District #3 and a member of the Eastsound Planning and Review Committee.

Sincerely,
Leith Templin





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Board of Fire Commissioners

Applicant Name:

Pierrette Guimond

Re: Resume

Pierrette Guimond [REDACTED]

Sun 3/6/2022 17:21

To: Jimhelmski@orcasfire.org <Jimhelmski@orcasfire.org>; Kim Kimple <KKimple@orcasfire.org>; Patrick Shepler <patrickshepler@orcasfire.org>; RickChristmas@orcasfire.org <RickChristmas@orcasfire.org>; Timfuller@orcasfire.org <Timfuller@orcasfire.org>

On Sun, Mar 6, 2022 at 3:17 PM Pierrette Guimond [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to be considered for the appointed vacant Fire Commissioner's Position

I have lived On Orcas Island for 31 years
I have been retired for 20 years after working for the Airlines for 35 years
Since my retirement, I have been very involved in my Community

I have served of the following Boards:

Cemetery Commissioner for 18 years now
Port Commissioner 2020-2021
Library Trustee 2005-2006-2007 (finance committee)
Friends of the Library 2005 - 2013
(3 years as the President)

I have taken care of the grounds:

Library - 10 years
Library Park - 13 years now
Orcas Center - 13 years now
Senior Center - 8 years
Fire Dept - 4 years

I have attended so many public meetings, following so many different issues

I started attending Fire Dept meetings in 2003 and I am very familiar with the District.

I feel that I would be a good fit to serve as Fire Commissioners with the current Board.

Thank you for your consideration

Pierrette Guimond





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Board of Fire Commissioners

Applicant Name:

Steve Smith

Steve Smith

March 7, 2022

San Juan County Fire Protection District #2 Board of Fire Commissioners
Orcas Island Fire and Rescue
45 Lavender Lane
Eastsound, WA 98245

Re: Application to Serve on the BOFC

Dear San Juan County District #2 Board of Fire Commissioners,

Please accept this letter as my application to serve on the Orcas Island Fire and Rescue Board of Commissioners.

My wife and I moved to Orcas Island in 2014. Prior to moving to Orcas, I was involved in a variety of activities. Some of these include:

Health Care – Programmer and consultant working for a company that provided services to the health care industry. We specialized in providing accreditation reviews for hospitals and offering Medicaid and Medicare reporting services.

Farming – I was born and raised on a farm and continue to own the land. My brother farms the land for us. We raise corn, wheat, popcorn, and dry beans such as blacks and pintos.

Trading – I purchased and sold farm-related products, employing and managing over 50 people who processed and packaged the food. This included becoming a buyer on behalf of several other food processors.

Internet – I started an internet service company in 1996 and provided internet services in Nebraska and Colorado for more than 15 years. Involved in every aspect from network configuration and management to customer service.

Water Education – I started and directed a nonprofit organization focused on the Ogallala aquifer in the State of Nebraska. This involved the organization of a large number of farmers, businesses, and individuals concerned about the aquifer and its management.

Assisted Living and At-Home Care Services – We continue to own and remotely manage our senior care services businesses.

I am an entrepreneur by nature. I have started multiple companies, and each has been successful. My skills lie in systems analysis, data analysis, finance, and organization. I am actively engaged in each business we continue to own. I believe that I am good at recognizing the fundamental issues that obstruct progress and crafting solutions that people can support. I have spent a large portion of my life identifying what is important to people and finding ways to accommodate those needs.

We are in a position where I can dedicate large portions of my time to community service.

Here on Orcas, I am currently:

- President of the board for Eastsound Water Users Association
- Commissioner on the San Juan County Planning Commission
- Director of Madrona Voices – A nonprofit providing individuals with the opportunity to express opinions on community issues. This is done in a way that accurately represents the community.
- Active in church on a weekly basis.
- Host of a weekly discussion group that has been meeting for 20 years and has about 40 members

Prior Orcas responsibilities

- Orcas Choral Society Board
- Music Advocacy Board
- Retail building ownership

In closing, I believe my resume of local involvement on significant community boards has proven I understand and possess the skills to properly operate within the Robert's Rules of Order, the Revised Code of Washington (RCWs), Washington Administrative Code (WACs) and the bylaws of the Washington State Board of Fire Commissioners. I am interested in serving on the Board of Fire Commissioners because I believe that my years of business and financial acumen, along with a proven record of bringing rational communication to the community, will greatly fill the need made vacant by the resignation of Commissioner Marlow. I see a fundamental need, and my unique skills and experiences will bring a perspective that can provide a positive community contribution and enhance the governance of the OIFR and strengthen the BOFC through community trust.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Steve Smith

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