

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**August 6, 2009**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, August 6, 2009, at the York County Fire Training Center at 6:30 PM.

Notices of the meeting were forwarded to the members of the Board, the sixteen rural fire departments, and to the members of the media. Notices were also forwarded to individuals who had requested copies, and a copy was posted on the bulletin board at the York County Fire Training Center.

Members of the Board present were David Jennings, Bill Dunlap, Gene Thomas, Steve Skinnell, Kenny Gilfillan, and David Hord.

Members of several fire departments were present.

Chairman David Jennings called the meeting to order.

Gene Thomas opened the meeting with prayer.

**Persons not on the Agenda Wishing to Appear before the Board:**

Chairman Jennings introduced David Hord as the newest member of the Fire Board.

**Reading of the Minutes:**

**Randy S. Thompson, Fire Marshal**

Minutes of the June 25, 2009, Board meeting were approved as presented.

**Finance Committee Report:**

**, Chairman**

The monthly finance report was accepted as information.

**Equipment Committee Report:**

**Gene Thomas, Chairman**

The committee made the following recommendations:

The committee recommended that a new policy be adopted by the Board of Rural Fire Control that prohibits the moving or relocating of base stations. The committee also recommended that a new policy be adopted by the Board of Rural Fire Control that requires two portable radios to be maintained on fire engines, service trucks and ladder trucks. The individual fire department can determine if portable radios will remain on tankers and grass trucks. A recommendation from a committee does not need a second. Steve Skinnell made a motion to amend the motion to only require one portable radio to be maintained in the fire engines, ladder trucks, and service trucks. David Hord seconded the amendment to the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved as amended.

The committee also recommended that a new policy be adopted by the Board of Rural Fire Control that prohibits the moving or relocating of mobile radios without approval of the Fire Board. A recommendation from a committee does not need a second. The policy was adopted.

The committee recommended the approval of the specifications for the new fire engines as amended by staff, with the addition of allowing the York FD to have a brushed finish on their roll-up doors in lieu of paint and to upgrade the two telescoping lights at the pump panel and SCBA brackets on both fire engines. The motion was approved. Gene Thomas, Kenny Gilfillan, and Bill Dunlap voted in favor. David Hord and Steve Skinnell voted against.

A motion was made and seconded to obtain optional prices for the changes requested by the York Fire Department. The motion failed. David Hord and Steve Skinnell voted in favor. Kenny Gilfillan, Bill Dunlap, and Gene Thomas voted against the motion.

The committee recommended deferring a request from the Lesslie FD for their 1989 KME fire engine to be accepted into the Maintenance Program until all the items identified by the Shop Supervisor as needing repairing were corrected. A recommendation from a committee does not need a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

The committee recommended approval of a request from the Clover Fire Department for five (5) pagers for new members. The department has recently increased the number of firefighters allowed on their roster to twenty-five (25). Recommendations from a committee does not need a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

The committee recommended the approval of the specifications for the two new grass truck chassis, as presented by staff, with a change to allow bucket seats. York and Lesslie Fire Departments for their grass trucks to be two-tone, black over red. The committee recommended deferring the request from both departments to have an automatic sidewinder nozzle installed in the front of their new grass trucks. A recommendation from a committee does not need a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

The committee recommended that Lesslie's old grass truck be retained as a spare grass truck. The committee also recommended that the Fire Board recommend to the County Council that Lesslie Fire Department be given the old spare grass truck to be utilized as a utility truck for their fire department. A recommendation from a committee does not need a second. The motion was approved. Bill Dunlap did not vote.

The committee could not reach an agreement concerning whether the Grass Truck Replacement Plan should replace the second grass trucks for Newport and Bethel FDs. The committee referred the matter back to the full fire Board. Steve Skinnell made a motion for the Board to replace the second grass trucks for Bethel and Newport Fire Departments. Gene Thomas seconded the motion, and the motion was approved. Bill Dunlap voted against the motion.

The Board unanimously approved a request from the Smyrna FD for two sets of PPE for firefighters who have completed 1152 and have enrolled in additional courses.

The Board deferred a request from the Clover FD to have a new compartment added to the rear of their service truck.

**Accident Review Committee:**

Larry Williams, Chairman

Chairman Jennings appointed Steve Skinnell as acting Chairman of the Accident Review Committee. A meeting will be scheduled to review the accident where a Riverview firefighter was injured.

**Miscellaneous**

**Old Business:**

The Board approved a motion to have the Architect design two new buildings for the Fire Training Center. A building for offices and classrooms and a building for the maintenance shop.

**New Business:**

None

**Persons not on the Agenda Wishing to Appear before the Board:**

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,



Randy S. Thompson  
Fire Marshal

Note: The minutes of this meeting are a summary of the activities and discussions that took place during the Board meeting. The minutes should not be construed as a complete transcript of the meeting. The minutes will not be approved until the next Board meeting and are subject to be amended at that time. Let it be known that Chairman Jennings does not vote on any action of the Board of Rural Fire Control unless there is a tie in the vote.