

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 17, 2009**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, December 17, 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.

All members of the Board were present with the exception of David Hord and Christopher Thompson.

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:

No one appeared.

Reading of the Minutes:

Randy S. Thompson, Fire Marshal

Minutes of the November 19, 2009, Board meeting were amended to show that Deputy Chief Jerry Chapman appeared before the Board. The Minutes were approved as amended.

Finance Committee Report:

David Hortd, Chairman

The monthly finance report was accepted as information.

Equipment Committee Report:

Gene Thomas, Chairman

The Equipment Committee has not met so action was deferred on the following until the committee meets:

Recommendation from the Equipment Committee for a policy that addresses the replacement of pagers damaged by firefighters.

Recommendation from the Equipment Committee concerning a request from Bethel FD for a new replacement pager for a pager that was run over by a vehicle.

Recommendation concerning problems with the Drager gas monitors.

Gene Thomas made a motion for the Board to approve a request from the Fire Marshal to recommend that county council declare a EEI fire engine, a 1974 Seagrave fire engine, and the 1980 Pierce ladder truck surplus and dispose of the trucks. Also, request that the council transfer a 1977 Seagrave fire engine to the Public Works Department. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Accident Review Committee:

Larry Williams, Chairman

No Report.

Miscellaneous

Old Business:

During the discussion of the update to the Board's Policies and Procedures Manual the following actions were taken:

Larry Williams made a motion to request that the ordinance which creates the Board of Rural Fire Control be revised to reflect how the Board is actually set up. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The Fire Marshal was asked to submit the request as soon as possible.

Steve Skinnell made a motion to approve the rewording of the section that addresses first responder, extrication, and medical care services. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Approved the rewording of the repairs to vehicles portion to reflect the new policy.

Approved the rewording of the Fire Engine Replacement Program to reflect the new fifteen year replacement of fire engines.

Approved the change from Standard Operating Guidelines to Best Known Practices.

(Note: Listen to tape to determine who made the motions.)

The Fire Marshal requested that the exemption to the requirement for drivers to complete the Emergency Vehicle Driver's Course, if they have CDL license, be removed from the Manual. The Fire Marshal informed the Board that this exception was a one time exception for existing members of fire departments in 1997.

The Board decided to defer any action on this request until after the next Fire Chief's meeting.

The Board requested the Fire Marshal send copies of the approved Policies and Procedures Manual to the Fire Chiefs.

New Business:

The Chairman referred a complaint concerning problems with PPE to the Equipment Committee.

Steve Skinnell made a motion to approve requests for matching funds for SC Forestry Grants for McConnells (\$1200), Sharon (\$1200), Smyrna (\$1200), Oakdale (\$1000), and Bethesda (\$1000). The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Persons wishing to appear before the Board but not on the agenda:

No one appeared.

Fire Marshal stated that it would simplify the minutes if the name of the person who makes the motion and the person who seconds the motion are not included in the minutes. The Chairman wanted to defer this request to check the Roberts Rules of Order. (Note: Roberts Rules of Order states that the name of the person that makes the motion should be included in the minutes, however, the name of the person seconding the motion does not have to be included in the minutes.)

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.