

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 25, 2010**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, February 25, 2010, 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.

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 reminded everyone that there were two times that the floor was open for comments. He asked that everyone follow protocol by only speaking during those times unless the Chairman identifies them and ask for comments.

No one appeared.

Reading of the Minutes: Randy S. Thompson, Fire Marshal

Minutes of the February 4, 2010, Board meeting were approved.

Finance Committee Report: David Hord, Chairman

The monthly finance report was accepted as information.

The Fire Marshal provided copies of the 2012/13 proposed budget request for the Board members. The members will review the information and discuss the budget proposal at their next meeting.

Equipment Committee Report: Gene Thomas, Chairman

Committee Chairman Thomas reported that the committee had not met to discuss the request from Oakdale FD for permission to replace the bus style mirrors on Oakdale's 1991 KME fire engine with west coast style mirrors. Oakdale FD will purchase the mirrors and the Department of Fire Safety will install them.

Board Chairman Jennings appointed a committee to discuss building or purchasing a foam trailer/truck. The committee member is Steve Skinnell, Chairman, Dennis Settlemyre, Sam Lesslie, Don Love, and Gary Starnes. Chairman Jennings stated that he made a mistake when he appointed Jerry Williams to the committee because Jerry has retired and is no longer an active member of the York County Fire Chief's Association. This Committee will meet on March 5, 2010, at 6:00 PM at the Bethel Fire Department, station #1.

The Board discussed the changes/clarifications made during the preconstruction conference with Rosenbauer for the Bethesda and York fire engines. The consensus of the Board was that the meeting was successful in getting the hose bed lowered. The Board agreed to revisit the chevron for the back of the truck at a later time.

The Board discussed the process for upgrading the specifications for fire engines.

The Board approved a request from the Oakdale Fire Department for a complete set of PPE for Brian Hiller, who recently completed the required training, and a replacement helmet. Gene Thomas made the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved a request from the Newport Fire Department for three complete sets of PPE. Larry Williams made the motion and was approved unanimously.

The Equipment Committee will meet on March 5, 2010, at 2:00 PM at the Fire Training Center.

Accident Review Committee: Larry Williams, Chairman

No Report.

Miscellaneous

Old Business:

Discussion of the Board's policy for returning ISO portable radios to fire engines, service trucks and ladder trucks were delayed until a report has been developed providing information as to which trucks do not have portable radios.

New Business:

The Board discussed the planned Public Safety Appreciation Week. The Board agreed to provide challenge coins for all firefighters that are currently on the rosters of the fire departments

The Board approved the expenses for the meals for any firefighter and his/her family attending the event at Manchester Village honoring public safety workers. Chris Thompson made the motion. The motion was approved by a 4 to 3 vote. Thompson, Williams, Settlemyre, and Jennings voted in favor of the motion. Gilfillan, Skinnell, and Dunlap voted against the motion. Thomas did not vote. Chairman Jennings voted to break the tie.

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

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.