

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 11, 2007**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, January 11, 2007, 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.

The following Board members were present: Jim Zelenak, Dickey Pendleton, Christopher Thompson, Ron Helms, Doug Morris, Larry Williams, Tommy Robbins, and David Jennings.

Members of several fire departments were present.

Chairman David Jennings called the meeting to order.

Tommy Robbins opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Chief Carl Faulk, Newport Fire Department, appeared and informed the Board that he had several pagers that need repairs, but he did not know if he should pay the repair costs, request pagers from the Board, or to wait until the new paging system goes on line. He requested that the Fire Marshal seek information as to when the new paging system would go on line.

Reading of the Minutes:

The minutes of the November 30, 2006, meeting, were approved as presented.

Finance Committee Report:

Tommy Robbins, Chairman

A monthly Finance Report was provided as information.

Chief Jennings questioned why the consulting fees for Eckman Associates to assist with negotiating an agreement with the Town of York were paid from the Board's consulting account. Chairman Jennings stated that Fire Marshal Thompson should not have paid the fees without the Board's approval. Chairman Jennings stated that the Fire Marshal should only expend funds for routine expenditures (e.g. repairing fire trucks and equipment, providing physicals, or other items of a routine nature). All other expenses should have prior approval by the Board.

Larry Williams made a motion to have all pictures in the Fire Training Center of the fire stations and fire trucks, and on the Fire Prevention website updated. Doug Morris seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. The Fire Prevention Bureau will accomplish this task.

Equipment Committee Report:

Jim Zelenak, Chairman

The Board was provided an updated report of the protective clothing that had been purchased during 2006.

Larry Williams made a motion to approve a request from the Hickory Grove Fire Department to add wheel liners and step rails to the new grass truck. Doug Morris seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Jim Zelenak made a motion to request that the County Council declare the old Oakdale grass truck as surplus and to allow the Oakdale Fire Department to retain the truck as a non-emergency vehicle for fire department use. Christopher Thompson seconded the motion. Oakdale Fire Department will be responsible for all maintenance, insurance and all other costs associated with the vehicle. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chief Ken Kerber requested approval for the Fort Mill Fire Department to have a Reese hitch installed on their new grass truck. After discussion, the request was referred to the Equipment Committee.

Accident Review Committee:

Doug Morris, Chairman

A Driver Refresher Course will be held on January 23, 2007, at the Riverview Fire Department. The Committee will determine if any action is necessary regarding a recent Newport firefighter injury and a recent incident involving damage to a Sharon Engine.

Miscellaneous:

Old Business:

Board members were reminded of the Fire Chief's Banquet on January 29, 2007, at the Bethelwoods complex at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Jennings stated that he had requested comments from the Fire Chiefs concerning the recommendations in the updated Fire Protection Master Plan, but as of this date, he had not received any comments. Chairman Jennings will schedule a meeting for the Board members to discuss the recommendations. Chairman Jennings will also consult with the Fire Chiefs at their next meeting regarding those specific recommendations that ask for joint input from the Board and the Chief's Association, and may also discuss the recommendations dealing with Fire Board Policy Changes.

New Business:

The Board approved the expenses for two members of the Fire Marshal's staff to attend the FDIC.

Chief Don Love, Bethel Fire Department, requested matching funds for a grant that the fire department will be applying for in March. The Board will discuss the request during the budget process.

The Hazardous Materials Response Team has requested funds for additional equipment, but the request is not complete. The Board will discuss the request when the information is available.

Chairman Jennings reported that the Board had received a refund in the amount of \$52,594 due to over payment for workers compensation insurance coverage. Of the refund, \$27,925 was credited to the Fund Balance of the Rural Fire Tax because it was a refund for over payment for workers compensation insurance coverage during the 2005/06 year, and \$24,669 was credited to the Board's Insurance Account in this year's budget.

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Chief Jerry Williams, Lesslie Fire Department, requested approval to install an automatic mixing valve for the compressed air foam system on engine #1. A motion was made and approved to allow the installation.

Board members were invited to the Newport FD Annual Supper on January 19, 2007, and the Lesslie FD supper on February 24, 2007.

The meeting adjourned:

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.