

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 22, 2009**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, January 22, 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 except Tommy Robbins and Gene Thomas.

Members of several fire departments were present.

Chairman David Jennings called the meeting to order.

Christopher Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

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

David Ayers, Bethesda FD, requested a replacement set of PPE for Chris Haire.

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

Minutes of the December 18, 2008, Board meeting were approved as presented.

Finance Committee Report: Tommy Robbins, Chairman

The monthly finance report was accepted as information.

The Finance Committee recommended the Board approve the expenses for Randy Thompson and Mike Burns to attend the FDIC in April. A recommendation from a committee does not need a second. The motion to approve the expenses was unanimously approved.

The Finance Committee will schedule a meeting to complete the development of the 2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012 budget proposals. The Board will hold a Workshop on February 19, 2009, to discuss the proposals.

Equipment Committee Report: Gene Thomas, Chairman

The Equipment Committee recommended that the Board approve the Equipment Committee and staff members to approve which vests to purchase and the number of each size to be ordered. The recommendation was placed in the form of a motion and does not need a second and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Board unanimously approved a request for one replacement set of PPE for Chris Haire, Bethesda FD.

The Equipment Committee reported that the bids for the gas monitors will be opened on February 11, 2009, at 10:00.

The Equipment Committee recommends the Board accept the Newport FD 1998 service truck into the maintenance system.

The committee also agreed to recommend to the Board that the Board's policy for accepting trucks into the Maintenance Program be amended to require the truck also be evaluated by the Equipment Committee before it is accepted into the program. The recommendation was placed in the form of a motion and does not need a second and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Equipment Committee received quotes for PPE from three vendors. NAFECO and Piedmont Fire Equipment were the two low bidders. Piedmont was low bidder by \$.22, however, Piedmont has an up charge for PPE that is larger than size

56. Each vendor was provided time to make a presentation on their PPE. Both sets of gear were very similar. Larry Williams made a motion to purchase the PPE from NAFECO. Dickey Pendleton seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. The Board discussed the idea of allowing the individual fire department to have the choice of purchasing PPE from either company. The Piedmont representative informed the Board that his company would not be interested in this concept due to his company having to commit to purchase a large quantity of this type PPE to be competitive with pricing.

Bill Dunlap reported that the committee had reviewed and made adjustments to the information to be provided to the Finance Committee concerning equipment needs for the 2009/10 budget request. (Budget information was provided.)

The Equipment Committee agreed to recommend that the Fire Marshal and the Shop Supervisor utilize the same process as they have used in the past to replace tires. The recommendation was placed in the form of a motion and does not need a second and the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill Dunlap reported that the committee had questions concerning the agreement with the City of Rock Hill with regards to the hazardous materials response truck. Fire Marshal informed the committee that he had spoken with Chief Blackmon and advised him of the concerns that the Equipment Committee had in regards to the hazardous material truck. Chief Blackmon assured the Fire Marshal that he would talk with the Battalion Chiefs and see that the concerns were addressed. The committee agreed to take a wait and see attitude to give Chief Blackmon a chance before proceeding.

Bill Dunlap reported that the Equipment has requested the Fire Marshal to obtain the estimated cost for insurance for the portable equipment. The committee is interested in obtaining this type of insurance.

The Equipment Committee recommends to the Board that the base station that had been installed in a fire department truck be either reinstalled in the base station or require the department to purchase a new radio for the base station. The committee agreed to recommend that the Board adopts a policy that will prevent a base station provided by the Board from being removed from a fire station.

The recommendation was placed in the form of a motion and does not need a second and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Equipment Committee recommends the Board purchase an accountability board for each fire engine in the Maintenance Program. The recommendation was placed in the form of a motion and does not need a second and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Equipment Committee recommends the Board purchase a "Bar Code" printer for the accountability program. The recommendation was placed in the form of a motion and does not need a second and the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill Dunlap reported that the Equipment Committee has requested the Fire Marshal provide a list of training DVD's and VCR tapes that are needed to update the training library.

Bill Dunlap reported that a purchase order has been issued to Simplex Grinnell to test SCBA cylinders.

Accident Review Committee:

Larry Williams, Chairman

The Accident Review Committee will schedule a meeting to discuss the accident involving the Clover Fire Department fire engine.

Miscellaneous

Old Business:

Chairman Jennings reminded everyone of the Fire Chief's Banquet on Monday, January 26, 2009, at 7:00 PM at Bethelwoods.

New Business:

Election of Officers:

Kenny Gillfilan made a motion that the current officers continue to serve in their positions. Larry Williams seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

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

Chief Larry McConnell, Lesslie FD, stated that he had gotten the approval of Chairman Jennings before he had the radio moved from Lesslie station #3 and installed in their new service truck. Chief McConnell stated that Lesslie would be requesting the Board reimburse the Lesslie FD for the expense of moving the radio from the truck to the station.

Chief Don Love, Bethel FD, requested that the Board revisit the requirements for a truck to be accepted into the Board's Maintenance Program. After a department has purchased a truck it is too late for the truck to be denied acceptance into the system, if the Fire Marshal's staff has evaluated the truck and made recommendations. Chief Love also requested the Board to consider a different type of accountability board.

Chief Carl Faulk, Newport FD, also requested the Board revisit the policy. Chairman Jennings requested the Equipment Committee revisit the policy for accepting trucks into the Maintenance Program.

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.