

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 18, 2010**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, March 18, 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:

Chief Don Love appeared to advise the Board that he has located a service truck that he is interested in purchasing to replace Bethel service #1, Ford F-350. He is requesting that one of the Fire Marshal's staff members evaluate the truck. The Board approved the truck being taken into the system, if Bethel purchases the truck and if the evaluation is favorable and all identified repairs are completed. Dennis Settlemyre made the motion and the motion was seconded and approved.

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

Minutes of the February 25, 2010, Board meeting were approved.

Finance Committee Report: **David Hord, Chairman**

The monthly finance report was accepted as information.
Larry Williams made a motion that the 2010/2011 budget request be reduced, if necessary, by deleting the \$250,000 requested in the Building and Fixed Equipment Account and to reduce the amount requested in the Departmental Supplies Account by \$50,000. The motion was seconded and approved.

Equipment Committee Report: **Gene Thomas, Chairman**

The Equipment Committee recommends that 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 be dropped or denied. A recommendation from the committee does not need a second. The Board approved the recommendation to drop the request.

The Equipment Committee recommended the following changes to the specifications for the new fire engines specifications, and the Board approved these changes:

- Increase the horse power from 330 HP to 380 HP;
- Move one rear discharge to the front driver's side corner of the hose bed;
- Move one rear discharge to the area above the pump panel making a 2.5" Mattydale crosslay;
- Remove the rear suction;
- Change the skin of the truck body from 1/8 inch aluminum to 3/16 inch aluminum;
- Remove the SCBA cylinder storage compartment at the fuel fill location;
- Remove the Master Gauges from the pump panel due to having the auto-governor;
- Pump panel on both sides will be hinged;
- Add a Q-siren;
- Add a rear vision camera;
- Add disk brakes; and
- Upgrade chevron to the diamond grade Hi Vis grade chevron.

The Board agreed to add the Pro Foam 2002 as an option to the specifications for the new fire engines. The Board did not add a ladder rack to the specifications.

Gene Thomas made a motion to add Q sirens to the Bethesda and York fire engines. The motion was seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Gene Thomas made a motion to approve a request from the York Fire Department to upgrade the chevron to the diamond grade with red/fluorescent lime-green on the York grass fire truck. The additional cost for the upgrade will be \$100, and York FD will be responsible for the additional cost. The motion was seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Gene Thomas made a motion to approve a request from the Hazardous Materials Response Team Commander to purchase 10 batteries, 30 filters and a charger for the 3M Breathe Easy RRPAS for the units on the Haz-mat truck. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Bill Dunlap made a motion to approve a request for PPE for the Bethel FD: 4 sets of PPE (coat/pants/suspenders), 2 pairs of boots, 2 flash hoods, and 2 helmets. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Gene Thomas made a motion to approve a request for 2 sets of PPE for the Bullocks Creek FD for two firefighters who recently completed the 1152 course. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Bill Dunlap made a motion to approve a request for 3 sets of PPE for the Lesslie FD for three firefighters who recently completed the 1152 course. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Gene Thomas made a motion to approve a request for a set of PPE for the Lesslie FD for Josh Reynolds, provided he passes the written test for the 1152 Firefighter Course. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Gene Thomas made a motion to approve a request for 4 sets of PPE, less boots and helmets, for the Clover FD to replace gear that is worn out and needs replacing. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Kenny Gilfillan made a motion to approve a request for 1 set of PPE for the McConnells FD for a firefighter who recently completed the 1152 course. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Dennis Settlemyre made a motion to approve a request from the Newport FD for a set of stabilizer plates for the front jacks for the 105 foot platform. The motion was seconded. Bill Dunlap made a motion to amend the motion to purchase plates that are equal to the current stabilizer plates on the truck. The amendment was approved, and the motion was unanimously approved as amended.

Larry Williams made a motion that the York FD be allowed to keep their old grass truck. The motion was seconded. The Board will request the county council to give the truck to the York FD. The motion was unanimously approved.

Accident Review Committee:

Larry Williams, Chairman

Fire Marshal Randy Thompson reported that there was one injury where a firefighter fell or tripped and fell in the parking lot of the Lesslie FD. A claim was filed with workers compensation and VFIS. The Board does not need to take any action.

Miscellaneous

Old Business:

Bill Dunlap requested the Board revisit a request from the Fire Marshal concerning the upgrade to a pickup truck. Chairman Jennings referred the matter to the Equipment Committee.

New Business:

The Board discussed options for funding the construction of the new Fire Training Center. The Board will request input from the Fire Chief's Association.

The Board discussed and approved the new specifications for PPE to be purchased after July 1, 2010. (A set of specifications

will be attached to the minutes.) Steve Skinnell made the motion to approve the upgrade to the specifications and the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Kenny Gilfillan made a motion that the Board approve an allocation of \$2,500 to each fire department to purchase needed equipment. The fire department should provide a list of equipment to the Fire Marshal's office no later than April 15, 2010. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Fire Marshal requested approval to purchase auto ejects and outlets for fire engines, service trucks and ladder trucks that currently do not have these items. Providing these items will allow portable radios to be charged while on the trucks. Bill Dunlap made a motion for the individual fire departments to purchase the auto ejects and materials. The motion was seconded. The motion failed by a vote of 5 to 3 against the motion. Skinnell, Thompson, Hord, Gilfillan, and Williams voted against the motion. Dunlap, Thomas, and Settlemyre voted in favor of the motion. Chris Thompson made a motion to purchase the auto ejects and materials as requested. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 3. Skinnell, Thompson, Hord, Williams, and Gilfillan voted in favor of the motion. Dunlap, Settlemyre, and Thomas voted against the motion. The Board requested an inventory of foam available and a list of where the inventory is being stored.

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

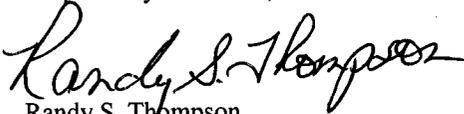
Chief Charlie Love, Clover FD, expressed his concerns with the Board making changes to the specifications for the fire engines after the bids have been awarded. Chief Love stated that the changes will make the truck better, but there should not be any changes made after the bids have been awarded.

Chief Domenic requested clarification concerning the upgrade to the chevron on the two new fire engines that are currently on order. Bill Dunlap made a motion to have the diamond Hi Vis grade chevron installed locally. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

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.