

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 27, 2010**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, May 27, 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.

Members of several fire departments were present.

Vice Chairman Gene Thomas called the meeting to order.

Gene Thomas opened the meeting with prayer.

Gene Thomas introduced Jerry Chapman as the newest member of the Fire Board.

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

Chief Domenic Manera, York FD, appeared before the Board and advised the Board that in his opinion the Board held an unlawful meeting by going into executive session at the last Board meeting. Chief Manera informed the Board that he had contacted the Attorney General's Office and obtained his opinion on several issues concerning the meeting. Chief Manera gave a summary of the Attorney General's report. Chief Manera stated that several of the Board members acted improperly and should resign. He said that unless those members would resign, he would pursue action against the Board. The Board accepted Chief Manera's comments as information.

Chief Carl Faulk, Newport FD, appeared before the Board and provided his opinion of Chief Manera's comments.

Reading of the Minutes:

Randy S. Thompson, Fire Marshal

Minutes of the April 29, 2010, Board meeting were approved as presented.

Finance Committee Report:

David Hord, Chairman

The monthly finance report was accepted as information.

Equipment Committee Report:

Gene Thomas, Chairman

Equipment Committee will schedule a meeting with the fire departments scheduled to receive fire engines during the 2010/2011 fiscal year and the committee will review the bids and make recommendations to be utilized for the purchase of PPE beginning in July 2010.

The committee will also discuss the number of amplifiers needed for the firefighters who are having problems hearing their pagers, and make a recommendation as to how many amplifiers should be ordered for the fire departments.

The Board agreed that Shop Supervisor Mike Burns should not have to evaluate new fire apparatus that fire departments purchased. Mike Burns will provide the Board members with a final copy of the draft of the revised specifications for new fire engines. The Board will discuss and approve the final specifications at their new meeting. This will ensure that everyone has had a chance to review the specifications before they are finalized.

Accident Review Committee:

Larry Williams, Chairman

A report was provided of the accident involving the newest York grass fire truck.

Fire Marshal Thompson also informed the Board that a firefighter was transported from a fire scene to the hospital this morning with chest pains. No other information was available.

Miscellaneous:

Old Business:

Jerry Chapman requested the Board revisit the top three priorities for the Fire Service. Mr. Chapman stated that every firefighter should have a portable radio. This is a safety issue and should be a top priority for the Fire Board and the Fire Service. Mr. Chapman made his request in the form of a motion. Larry Williams seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Vote in favor: Chapman, Williams, Settlemyre, and Skinnell. Against: Hord, Gilfillan, and Dunlap.

New Business:

Fire Marshal Thompson request the Board approve covering the expenses for Mike Burns to attend the SC Firefighters Conference. Larry Williams made a motion for the Board to cover the expenses for Mike Burns to attend the conference. Kenny Gilfillan seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Board received a request from the Clover FD for five sections of five inch fire hose. This hose is old and is coming apart. Bill Dunlap made a motion to replace five hundred feet of five inch hose. Dennis Settlemyre seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was amended to purchase one thousand feet of five inch hose. The motion was unanimously approved as amended.

Election of Officers:

Chairman David Hord, Vice Chairman Kenny Gilfillan, Secretary Dennis Settlemyre.

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

Chief Don Love, Bethel FD, asked when the new Policies and Procedure Manuals would be ready for distribution. Fire Marshal Thompson reported that the new manual called for portions of the county ordinance that establishes the York County Board of Rural Fire Control to be revised. We are waiting for the County Council to act on the recommended revisions.

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 Hord does not vote on any action of the Board of Rural Fire Control unless there is a tie in the vote.