

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 17th, 2011**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, November 17, 2011, 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 Kenny Gilfillan and Steve Skinnell.

Members of several fire departments were present.

Representing County staff: Gary Starnes, Rickey Wilson, Mike Burns, and Anna Moore.

Chairman David Hord called the meeting to order.

David Hord opened the meeting with prayer.

Persons on the Agenda wishing to appear before the Board:

Darrell Hood, Correll Insurance/VFIS, was requested to attend and provide information on additional coverage. Mr. Hood advised the Board that paid members of a department are not covered under our supplemental accident and sickness policy. Currently, the five municipalities are providing worker's compensation insurance on all their members to help keep the cost of the premium the Fire Board has down to a lower rate. In exchange, they asked that the supplemental policy be kept on all their firefighters as an additional coverage provided by the Board. It was just brought to the attention of the Board that the paid members of those departments were not covered. It was asked to add the additional members to the policy per the original agreement.

Larry Williams made a motion to add the additional coverage for the firefighters.

Seconded by Bill Dunlap.

(4) Members were in favor: Larry Williams, Bill Dunlap, Frank Duncan, and Melvin Abernathy.

(2) Abstained from voting: Carl Faulk, Tommy Carroll.

Reading of the Minutes:

David Hord, Chairman

Minutes of October 2011, meeting was approved by a motion from Carl Faulk, with a second by Tommy Carroll and all voting in favor of the motion.

Finance Committee Report:

Steve Skinnell, Chairman

No Report.

Accepted the Finance printout as information.

Equipment Committee Report:

Bill Dunlap, Chairman

Gave a report on the Tech-Gen Gear that the manufacturer was compiling the specifications for York County.

Gas monitors - getting more information, looked at demo units, will have a report at the next meeting.

Foam had (2) demos, would like more information and a better demo, deferred to next meeting. Might can do a demo at Gaston College.

Ladder Truck for York FD - still looking for units.

Equipment for new engines, master list compiled and sent to vendors.

New Engine Report - each department was provided drawings to review.

Accident Review Committee:

Larry Williams, Chairman

The recommendation made by the Accident Review Committee was given to each Board Member for review and then discussed at the December meeting. After the board members make recommendation's or changes it will then be presented to the Fire Chiefs for feed-back.

Old Business:

Was covered at the beginning of the meeting.

New Business:

Request from Clover Fire Dept. to have the Board provide matching funds for a Forestry Grant they applied for in the amount of \$6,180.00.

Larry made a motion to approve the request, Carl Faulk seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion passed.

Request from Newport Fire Department to change their previous request of keeping the Chevrolet grass truck to keeping the Ford grass truck when it comes off line.

A motion was made by Bill Dunlap to allow Newport to keep the Ford grass truck when their second grass truck is delivered.

Seconded by Larry Williams.

(4) members voted in favor, with Carl Faulk and Tommy Carroll abstaining from the vote.

Their new truck has been delivered and the Chevrolet will be taken out of service and turned in.

Request from Newport Fire Department to place their new service truck in the system.

Motion from Bill Dunlap to accept the Newport Service Truck into the system, provided the radios are moved from the old service truck to the new one. Melvin Abernethy seconded the motion.

(4) voted in favor, with Tommy Carroll and Carl Faulk abstaining from the vote. Motion passed.

Also Newport requested to have the shop remove cascade system bottles from the old service truck to be hydro tested, and they will pay for the hydro test.

Motion by Bill Dunlap to approve the request, with a second from Larry Williams.

(4) voted in favor of the motion; Carl Faulk and Tommy Carroll abstained from the vote.

There was a discussion of levels of training and how it is currently being identified. The current system in the policy manual is not being used and needs to be changed. The current method is a triangle sticker on the helmet. The proposed method to the Board is the triangle sticker on the helmet with all non-certified members using a blue helmet.

Motion to accept this recommendation and to update the policy manual made by Tommy Carroll, with a second made by Melvin Abernethy. All were in favor of the motion.

It was discussed that members of the Board look at changing the night of the regular Board meetings. It was recommended to keep the current day of the meetings until all members are present to have input.

The December meeting will be changed due to the holiday schedule to Wednesday December 28th, 2011, at 6:30 pm at Newport Station # 1.

Announcements:

Reminder of Chiefs Banquet on January 30th, 2012 at Bethelwoods; details need to be finalized at the December meeting.

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

Don Love reminded the Board that he had the demo CO monitors if anyone wanted to look at them.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Rickey Wilson
Senior Fire Prevention Technician
York County Department of Fire Safety

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