

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 19, 2009**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, November 19, 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 with the exception of Gene Thomas and Larry Williams.

Members of several fire departments were present.

Chairman David Jennings called the meeting to order.

Dennis Settlemyre opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Chief Larry McConnell, Lesslie FD, read a letter from Retired Fire Chief Jerry Williams concerning the request from Lesslie FD to have their 1989 fire engine accepted into the Board's Preventive Maintenance Program. Each Board member was provided a copy of the letter. Chief McConnell also explained the process that the Lesslie FD followed as they purchased the 1989 KME fire engine, and leading up to their request to have the truck accepted into the Board's Preventive Maintenance Program.

Chief McConnell also made several comments concerning the Board's new policy requiring one portable radio be maintained in all fire engines, service trucks and ladder trucks. Chief McConnell's comments were accepted as information and will be discussed later in the meeting.

Chief Domenic Manera, York Fire Department, requested that the Fire Marshal be given the authority to make changes to try to lower the hose bed height. Billy Haire, Bethesda Fire Department, stated that the Bethesda Fire Department supports this request. This request was accepted as information and would be discussed later in the meeting.

Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Chapman requested that the Board look at purchasing different three gas monitors. Chief Chapman stated that the Fort Mill Fire Department has had several problems with the Drager monitors. Chairman Jennings referred this issue to the Equipment Committee.

Reading of the Minutes:

Randy S. Thompson, Fire Marshal

Minutes of the October 29, 2009, Board meeting were approved as presented.

Finance Committee Report:

, Chairman

The monthly finance report was accepted as information.

Equipment Committee Report:

Gene Thomas, Chairman

The Equipment Committee recommended that the Board approve the low bid from C. W. Williams, for the two new fire engines. A recommendation from the Equipment Committee does not need a second. The Board approved recommending to the County Council that the low bid from C.W. Williams for the two new 1500 custom fire engines be approved and that a purchase order be issued as soon as possible for the new fire engines. The total amount of the purchase, including the equipment, will be \$679,046.00. All members present voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Steve Skinnell.

The Equipment Committee recommended that the Board deny a request from the Lesslie FD for their 1989 KME fire engine to be accepted into the Maintenance Program. A recommendation from the Equipment Committee does not need a second. The motion to deny Lesslie Fire department's request for their 1989 KME fire engine to be accepted into the Maintenance Program was approved. All members present voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Dennis Settlemyre, who did not vote.

The Equipment Committee recommended that no action be taken concerning the purchase and building of a new foam truck until later in the year. No action taken.

The Board deferred any action on the request from the Bethel FD to have the Fire Marshal's staff to install a Q siren on engines #1 and #3 until the Fire Marshal's staff can verify that these fire engines can be equipped with the Q sirens.

A motion was made to allow the York Fire Department to keep their 1991 KME fire engine as a reserve fire engine once their new fire engine is delivered. The motion was seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded for the Board to request approval from the County Council to enter into negotiations and purchase a 77 foot demo ladder truck manufactured by Ferrara Fire Apparatus, if the total cost is with the funds available. The motion was unanimously approved. The Bethel Fire Tax District has approved up to \$90,000 in additional funds if necessary to purchase this truck.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Fire Marshal to make any changes possible to lower the hose bed and add a ladder rack on the new fire engines, provided there is not an increase in the cost, and if the changes do not violate the purchasing ordinance. The Board also approved omitting the rear suction to offset the cost of the changes. The motion was approved, with all members present voting in favor of the motion with the exception of Bill Dunlap, who voted against the motion.

A motion was made and seconded to approve a request from Newport FD for a set of PPE for a new firefighter, who recently completed the 1152 course. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made and seconded to approve two requests from the Bethany Fire Department for the Board to provide the necessary matching funds if Bethany is awarded the grants. (\$1,299 and \$1,588) The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Jennings referred a request to the Equipment Committee from the Bethel FD for a new pager that was run over by a car. Chairman Jennings also requested the Equipment Committee to develop a policy for replacing pagers.

Accident Review Committee:

Larry Williams, Chairman

No Report.

Miscellaneous

Old Business:

New Business:

Chairman Jennings explained the reasoning for the Board's new policy that requires the fire departments to maintain one portable radio on each fire engine, service truck and ladder truck. This is an ISO requirement and the purpose for which the portable radios were purchased. No Board members had any comments.

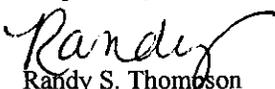
Persons wishing to appear before the Board but not on the agenda:

Chief Charlie Love, Clover FD, expressed his opinion that requiring radios to remain in the sub-stations was a waste of resources.

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.