

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
November 30, 2006**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, November 30, 2006, 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.

The following Board members were present: Jim Zelenak, Dickey Pendleton, Christopher Thompson, Ron Helms, Gene Thomas, Doug Morris, Tommy Robbins, and David Jennings.

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 Charlie Love, Clover Fire Department, questioned why the Bethesda Fire Department did not have to pay the first one thousand dollars of the damage to the Sheriff's car. If the Board has a policy that the fire department is responsible for the first one thousand dollars in an at fault accident, then the policy should apply to all fire departments involved in an at fault accident. Chairman Jennings thanked Chief Love for bringing this matter to the Board's attention, and stated that the Board would address this matter later in the meeting.

**Reading of the Minutes:**

The minutes of the October 26, 2006, meeting, were approved as presented.

**Finance Committee Report:**

**Tommy Robbins, Chairman**

A monthly Finance Report was provided as information.

Chief Jennings requested Fire Marshal Thompson to determine the disposition of the \$339,000 that was budgeted for radio user fees and report to the Board at the next meeting. The funds have been removed from the Rural Fire Board's budget.

**Equipment Committee Report:**

**Jim Zelenak, Chairman**

The Board approved the purchase of one set of PPE, no helmet, for the Clover FD.

**The Board approved the wording on the new policy prohibiting modifications to any county owned fire truck, not conducted by Fire Prevention Staff, without Board approval. The Board agreed that fire departments that violate this new policy may be subject to having Fire Prevention staff members remove the modification and the fire department may be charged for any and all costs associated with removing the modifications. Note: A copy of the new policy is provided below:**

New  
Board Policy  
Modification of County Owned Fire Apparatus

All modifications to county owned fire apparatus not performed by the York County Fire Prevention Bureau's staff must be approved by the York County Board of Rural Fire Control.

**Accident Review Committee:**

**Doug Morris, Chairman**

The Board discussed their policy concerning the fire department's responsibility in at fault accidents. The Board members agreed that the policy dictates the fire department is responsible for the first one thousand dollars of the costs to repair vehicles involved that is not covered by the Board's insurance. Jim Zelenak made a motion that the Bethesda FD reimburse the Board one thousand dollars in regards to the accident where their tanker struck a York County Sheriff's car causing \$2,300 damage. Doug Morris seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. The Board will be responsible for the remaining \$1,300.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

The Board will host the Fire Chief's Banquet on January 29, 2007. The Board requested that the Fire Marshal check with Bethelwoods to see if their facility is available. The Board also requested that the Fire Marshal obtain quotes for the catering of the banquet.

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No one appeared.

The meeting adjourned:

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.