

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 23, 2008**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, October 23, 2008, 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: Dickey Pendleton, Kenny Gilfillan, Bill Dunlap, Gene Thomas, Ron Helms, 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:

No one appeared.

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

Minutes of the September 25, 2008, Board meeting were approved as presented.

Finance Committee Report: Tommy Robbins, Chairman

The monthly finance report was accepted as information. The Board approved by consensus to transfer \$10,000 from the Repairs to Vehicles Account into the Tires Account.

Equipment Committee Report: Gene Thomas, Chairman

The Equipment Committee recommended that the Board approve the low bid by C W Williams of \$328,373.03 for the two new fire engines. The recommendation was placed in the form of a motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Equipment Committee recommended to the Board that the current policy of removing grass trucks from the County Fire Maintenance Program when replaced and given to the fire department not be changed. The recommendation was placed in the form of a motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Equipment Committee recommended to the Board that due to the current policy of removing grass trucks from the County Fire Maintenance Program when replaced and given to the fire department, that Bethany and Sharon Fire Departments requests for a radio for their #2 grass trucks be denied. The recommendation was placed in the form of a motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Jennings requested the Equipment Committee to review the information concerning the gas monitors and develop a plan of how many and what type of monitors the Board should purchase. The committee should also include the accessories that should be purchased.

The Board unanimously approved a request for two sets of PPE for two new firefighters of the Clover Fire Department who have completed the 1152 training course.

Accident Review Committee:

Larry Williams, Chairman

The committee has not met. There were two accidents where the drivers were at fault. Both drivers have already completed the EVDT Refresher Course.

Miscellaneous

Old Business:

Chairman Jennings presented a report on the new identification cards for the Rural Fire Program. Samples were available for the members of the Board to evaluate.

The Tega Cay Fire Department submitted a request to be allowed to participate in the county's accountability program. Tega Cay FD agreed to pay for any additional costs to provide their department identification cards. Dickey Pendleton made a motion to approve the request, and Kenny Gilfillan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Chairman Jennings reported that the map books have been delivered to the fire departments.

Chairman Jennings referred the request for traffic vests to the Equipment Committee to determine if there are vests available that meet both the federal and NFPA requirements.

New Business:

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Chairman Jennings requested the Equipment Committee look at the method the Fire Board currently provides PPE to the fire departments and discuss the possibility of providing allocations to the fire departments for PPE. The Board received a complaint concerning the level of service that the fire service is receiving from NAFECO. It was recommended that if the level of service cannot be improved that the Board seek another vendor for personal protective clothing.

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.