

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 29, 2009**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, October 29, 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.

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:

Assistant Chief Leon Yard, Oakdale FD, appeared before the Board to explain the two requests that the Oakdale FD had submitted. Chairman Jennings stated that these requests were on the agenda and would be discussed later in the meeting.

Matt Gilfillan, Hickory Grove FD, appeared before the Board to explain the two requests that the Hickory Grove FD had submitted. Chairman Jennings stated that these requests were on the agenda and would be discussed later in the meeting.

Reading of the Minutes:

Randy S. Thompson, Fire Marshal

Minutes of the August 6, 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

Bethesda FD contacted Chairman Jennings and Fire Marshal Thompson concerning the Bethesda FD looking at purchasing a 1997 chassis for a replacement grass truck. Prior to purchasing this truck, the Bethesda FD is requesting the approval of the Board to have this truck accepted into the maintenance program. The Bethesda FD is also requesting approval for the Fire Marshal's staff to build a truck bed for this truck and to transfer the tank, pump and hose reel from the department's grass truck #2, and basically build a grass truck utilizing this chassis.

The Committee recommended approval of this request with the understanding that the GVW of the chassis has been recertified to ensure that vehicle will not be over weight. A recommendation from a committee is a motion and does not need a second. The motion was approved unanimously.

Received a request from the Sharon FD for a set of PPE. This gear is for a firefighter who is enrolled in a 1152 course. He wears a size 60 coat and 64 pants. **No action taken due to the Newport FD providing the Sharon FD with a set of PPE.**

Received a request from the Bethany FD for two sets of PPE. This gear is for two firefighters who are 1152 and Haz-mat technician certified. **A motion was made to approve the request and the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The McConnells FD is requesting the Board purchase a foam tank for their grass truck. McConnells has acquired a foam unit and is requesting the Board purchase a six gallon foam tank and have them installed on their grass truck. McConnells is also requesting approval to purchase a set of step bars, and for the county staff to install the bars on their grass truck.

Larry Williams made a motion to approve the request for the Board to purchase and install a foam tank on their grass truck. Dennis Settlemyre seconded the motion. The motion failed. Larry and Dennis voted in favor, all others voted against. Bill Dunlap made a motion for the Board to approve the Fire Marshal's staff install the tank and the foam unit, if McConnells provided the tank and foam unit. Chris Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill Dunlap made a motion to approve the installation of a set of step bars for McConnells grass truck. Larry Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Received a request from the Hickory Grove FD for five new pagers for new firefighters, and a coat and a pair of pants for Brad Bolin.

Larry Williams made a motion to approve the requests and Gene Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Recommendation concerning the bids for the new fire engines to be purchased during the 2009/2010 fiscal year. **Deferred until the bids can be reviewed.**

Recommendation concerning a request from the Lesslie FD for their 1989 KME fire engine to be accepted into the Maintenance Program. **The Committee deferred any action on this request until the Fire Marshal's staff can inspect the truck to ensure that all the repairs have been completed.**

Recommendation concerning a request from the York and Lesslie Fire Departments for their grass trucks to have an automatic sidewinder nozzle installed in the front of their new grass trucks.

Steve Skinnell made a motion to approve the request with the understanding that the units will be installed by an outside source at the departments' expense and the department will be responsible for maintaining the units. Dennis Settlemyre seconded the motion, and the motion was approved, with all members voting in favor except Bill Dunlap.

Received a request from the York and Lesslie FDs to have chevron installed on the rear of their new grass trucks.

Steve Skinnell made a motion to approve the request, and Kenny Gilfillan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Received a request from the Clover FD to have a compartment added to their service truck. Gary Starnes to make a recommendation.

The Committee recommended adding to the shelves in lieu of adding a compartment to the rear of the truck. A recommendation from a committee is a motion and does not need a second. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Oakdale Fire Department would like to notify the Board that they have applied for a 50/50 matching Forestry grant as of September 30, 2009. This grant was for \$14,390.00. We are asking that the Board reserve approximately \$7,154.50 in the event that we are awarded this maximum grant request.

Larry Williams made a motion to approve the request, and Steve Skinnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, except Bill Dunlap did not vote.

The Oakdale Fire Department is requesting approval to keep the current 1986 KME fire engine currently designated as Oakdale Engine #2 as a front line engine. It has a 1000 GPM pump. We would turn in the 1977 engine (Clintonville 750 GPM pump) to the County to dispose of as they see fit. Oakdale is requesting that "Engine 2" remain in the County maintenance system. This truck would be placed at the Chappell Rd. Substation. This action would be equivalent to the precedent the Board has already taken by placing an engine in the Hickory Grove Substation.

Larry Williams made a motion to keep the 1986 KME fire engine as a spare fire engine and to house the unit at the Oakdale Fire Department. Chris Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously except Bill Dunlap did not vote.

Accident Review Committee:

Larry Williams, Chairman

A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the accident involving a Riverview firefighter.

Miscellaneous

Old Business:

Chairman Jennings referred the subject of purchasing and building a foam truck to the Equipment Committee.

New Business:

John Carter advised me that they have had two requests for fire departments to begin using their issued spare (loaner) pagers to permanently issue to members. Each department was issued two pagers without individual numbers to use as loaners while they returned pagers for repair. John is asking if he can program the spare pagers for the departments to use as permanently issued member pagers.

The Board approved allowing the spare pagers being programmed to meet the fire departments needs.

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

Chief Domenic Manera, York Fire Department, requested that the Board reconsider his request for the York FD to keep their old fire engine when their new fire engine is delivered. There was some discussion concerning the recommendation of the Equipment Committee. Chairman Jennings suggested Chief Manera resubmit his request to the Board for consideration.

Items not on the agenda:

These requests were received after the agenda was mailed:

McConnells FD requests 2 sets of PPE for members who recently completed the 1152 class. **Approved**

Bethel FD requests 1 set of PPE for a member who recently completed the 1152 class. **Approved**

Bethesda FD requests 1 set of PPE for a member who recently completed the 1152 class. **Approved**

Bethesda FD requests that the Board accept their department's new Seagrave tanker into the Fire Program's Maintenance Program. **Approved**

Hickory Grove FD requests a Knox Box for their new fire engine. (Estimated cost \$747.00) An interface board will have to be purchased from Motorola also, but I do not know the cost. In the past, if a fire department wanted a second Knox box, the fire department had to purchase the Knox box.

Larry Williams made a motion to deny the request and Chris Thompson seconded the motion. It has been the Board's policy to provide one Knox box per department. The motion to deny the request was approved. All members voted in favor of the motion, except for Kenny Gilfillan and Dennis Settlemyre.

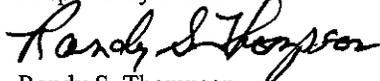
Bill Dunlap made a motion to purchase a Knox box for the spare fire engine. David Hord seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all members with the exception of Kenny Gilfillan.

Fire Marshal Thompson reported that he, Mike Burns and members of the Bethel Fire Department inspected a used platform, but would not be making a request to negotiate for the truck.

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.