

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 22, 2011**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, September 22, 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 2 vacancies.

Members of several fire departments were present.

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

Chairman David Hord called the meeting to order.

David Hord opened the meeting with prayer.

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

None

Reading of the Minutes:

David Hord, Chairman

Minutes of August 25, 2011, meeting was approved after a correction of wording in the equipment committee report. By a motion from Steve Skinnell, with a second by Larry Williams, and all voted in favor of the motion.

Finance Committee Report:

Steve Skinnell, Chairman

All money from the 2010-2011 budget carried over has been transferred to the correct accounts.

Accepted the Finance Report as information.

Equipment Committee Report:

Bill Dunlap, Chairman

Bill Dunlap gave the following report:

Turnout Gear Bids: The equipment committee recommends to the board to accept the bid from Piedmont ESS for the Veridian Velocity Gear and make the recommendation to the York County Council.

In Favor: Kenny Gilfillan, Steve Skinnell, Tommy Carroll, Melvin Abernethy, and Larry Williams.

Against: Bill Dunlap

Motion Passed.

Foam Report:

It is requested that the board allow the vendor of Fire Aide 2000 and the vendor of F500 foam products to be asked to arrange a demo of their product here at the fire training center and the committee will bring back to the board the results and recommendation.

Helmet, Gloves, Boots, Flashhood Quotes:

Safe Industries was low quote on all items and a motion from the committee to purchase these items from Safe Industries; the quote is good till June 30, 2011.

All members of the board were in favor of the motion.

Motion passed.

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Ladder Truck Replacement Report

Mike Burns gave a report on a truck that had been located for sale and request the board allow them to go inspect the truck. York Fire Department would pay the expenses of the trip. The truck is in Vermont. There was a motion by Bill Dunlap from the committee to send staff members to inspect the truck. The motion was then amended to allow Mike Burns to negotiate a price not to exceed \$400,000.00.

This was seconded by Larry Williams; all voted in favor.

Motion was approved.

Accident Review Committee:

Larry Williams, Chairman

The Accident Review Committee made the following recommendations:

ACCIDENT #1 FLINT HILL ENG 4 INVOLVING DRIVER BRENT HUCKS
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE DRIVER BE SUSPENDED 90 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE ACCIDENT AND THE CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT MEET WITH BOTH MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT WERE INVOLVED, THE DRIVER AND THE SPOTTER, AND REVIEW WITH THEM APPARATUS PLACEMENT AND SPOTTER RESPONSIBILITIES AND CORRESPOND BACK TO THE BOARD WHEN HE HAS COMPLETED THE REVIEW. *All were in favor of the Recommendation.*

ACCIDENT #2 OAKDALE TANKER
RECOMMEND TO BE HANDLED BY THE CHIEF AND NO ACTION TAKEN AFTER DETERMINING IT WAS NO FAULT OF THE DRIVER AND NO DAMAGE TO THE TANKER.
COMMENT: IT IS RECOMMENDED TO ALL DEPARTMENTS TO AVOID THIS TYPE ACCIDENT; ALL BAY DOORS SHOULD HAVE PHOTO EYES INSTALLED AS A PREVENTIVE MEASURE.
All were in favor of the Recommendation.

ACCIDENT # 3 YORK COUNTY HAZ MAT 1
A ROCK HILL FIREFIGHTER WITH A ROCK HILL ENGINE BACKED INTO THE HAZ MAT TRUCK WHILE PARKED IN THE BAY AT STATION 6. THE TRUCK WAS REPAIRED AT YCFTC AT NO COST AND ROCK HILL FIRE CHIEF WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE ACCIDENT REVIEW OF THE ROCK HILL FIREFIGHTER.
THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS NO FURTHER ACTION.
All were in favor of the Recommendation.

The accident on 8/20/2011, involving Bethany-Santiago Fire Department was discussed by committee members and Chief Gordon explained details of the accident and the pictures of the site were reviewed.

A motion was made by Oliver Dowdle, with a second by Domenic Manera, for the following recommendation:
The cost of the repair needed is estimated at \$150.00; it is the recommendation to replace it with the department paying for the part, as per board policy. The Chief of the Department will handle actions against the driver, and per his approval, the driver will be allowed back to normal driver status. He has been suspended from driving since 8/20/2011.
He has recently taken the driver refresher.
The committee recommends after the repair is complete no further action be taken.
All were in favor of the Recommendation.

The accident on 9/12/201, involving York Tanker 1 was not an “at fault” accident, with the other driver being at fault and charged. There was no damage to the tanker.
Motion by Oliver Dowdle, with a second from Gary Starnes, there be no further action taken, and with approval of the chief of the department the driver return to normal driving status.
All were in favor of the Recommendation.

It was also approved to set a standing date of the committee to meet the Wednesday before each regular scheduled board meeting to speed up the process of the reviews and actions. In the event there are no accidents pending the chairman can cancel the meeting.

The committee also continued to revise and expand the current policies regarding accidents with county apparatus. The committee will have a report at the next board meeting in October.

Training Committee: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business:

Replacing county owned compressor unit at Hickory Grove Fire Station

Gary Starnes requests that he be allowed to seek bids to replace this compressor with a unit equal to units at the Training Center and York Fire Dept.

Tommy Carroll made a motion to seek bids.

Seconded by Steve Skinnell

All Voted in Favor of the motion with Kenny Gilfillan abstaining from the vote:

Specification for Grass Truck Chassis to be purchased in 2011-2012 budget for Newport Fire Department

Gary Starnes requests that he be allowed to send out for bids for a new grass truck

Chief Carl Faulk asked that he be allowed to determine what cab he needs because his space is limited in the station where the truck is to be housed. He may need a regular cab, not an extended cab.

This was accepted as information.

Request:

Bethesda Fire Department requests (5) pagers for new members

Motion to approve by Kenny Gilfillan, with a second by Tommy Carroll

All in favor. Motion approved.

Bethesda Fire Department requests (1) set of turnout gear for firefighter Dan McQueen

Motion to approve by Steve Skinnell, with a second by Kenny Gilfillan

All in favor. Motion approved.

Bethel Fire Department requests that if they are successful in obtaining a FEMA grant that the board reserve funds for the matching amount required of the department. The amount is \$3,922.55.

Motion to approve by Steve Skinnell, with a second by Tommy Carroll

All in Favor. Motion approved.

Lesslie Fire Department requests a complete set of turnout gear for David Brinkerhoff

Motion to approve by Kenny Gilfillan, with a second by Steve Skinnell

All in Favor. Motion approved.

Oakdale Fire Department requests that if they are successful in obtaining a FEMA grant that the board reserve funds for the matching amount required of the department. The amount is \$9,089.00.

Motion to approve by Larry Williams, with a second by Kenny Gilfillan

In favor of: Steve Skinnell, Kenny Gilfillan, Tommy Carroll, Larry Williams

Against: Melvin Abernethy

Abstained: Bill Dunlap

Motion Approved

Smyrna Fire Department requests that if they are successful in obtaining a FEMA grant and a SC Forestry Commission grant that the board reserve funds for the matching amount required of the department. The amount is \$3,100.00.

Motion to approve by Kenny Gilfillan, seconded by Larry Williams

All in Favor. Motion approved.

McConnells Fire Department requests (8) rolls of 3inch hose to replace hose on the engine that was tested and found defective.

Motion to approve by Kenny Gilfillan, with a second from Steve Skinnell

All in favor. Motion approved.

Hickory Grove Fire Department requests (3) complete sets of turnout gear. The gear will be for the following firefighters: Daniel Hamrick, Matt Piper, and Will Daves

(2) are transfers from other departments; (1) just completed his training.

Motion to approve by Larry Williams, seconded by Tommy Carroll

In favor: Tommy Carroll, Larry Williams, Melvin Abernathy, Steve Skinnell

Not voting: Bill Dunlap

Abstained: Kenny Gilfillan

Letter from Fort Mill Fire Department stating they sold their compressor to McConnells FD, and request McConnells FD be allowed to use the bottles with the compressor that are property of the county.

Motion to approve by Kenny Gilfillan, seconded by Tommy Carroll.

Motion Approved

Announcements:

The workshop for the board date will be Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at the county complex.

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

Jerry Chapman, Deputy Chief Fort Mill Fire Dept., asked if the board is going to look into gas monitors. The current ones are beginning to have sensors expire.

Don Love, Chief Bethel Fire Dept., spoke of problems with monitors also. Referred to Equipment Committee to review.

Tommy White spoke on the turnout gear bids and the recommendation. This was taken as information.

Bill Dunlap asked that the board look at purchasing non structural gear for members who don't fight structure fires, but need gear. It would look the same as the regular gear, but at a much cheaper cost; 1/3 of the cost of regular gear. It was requested to possibly set up a demo from vendors at chiefs meetings.

Bill Dunlap discussed E-Dispatch systems request from Public Safety Communication that to purchase the system to allow calls to be read on cell phones the board would have to purchase it from their funds; Public Safety Communications did not have it in their budget. Also if the board did purchase it they would like to have 30 of the 200 slots for use by Public Safety Communications. Leaving 170 slots divided by the 16 fire departments meaning all members would not benefit from this. It was also discussed that if you did not have a good cell service it would not always work. Also this would not be a replacement for the pagers we use now; you would still have to carry it to ensure firefighters received calls. This was taken as information and no action taken on this matter.

Bill Dunlap gave a report on the American LaFrance pre-construction trip and had a list of change orders that were compiled from the meeting.

Bill Dunlap made a motion to accept the change orders as submitted.

Steve Skinnell seconded the motion.

Motion was approved.

Larry Williams asked where the helmet color issue was at this time and he was told it was being discussed at the Fire Board Workshop.

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.