

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
September 25, 2008**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday, September 25, 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, Christopher Thompson, Kenny Gilfillan, Bill Dunlap, Larry Williams, Gene Thomas, and David Jennings. Ron Helms was absent due to illness.

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 Oliver Dowdle, Sharon FD, requested a mobile radio for their #2 grass truck. Chairman Jennings stated that he was going to request that the Equipment Committee review the Board's policy regarding trucks that are replaced by the Board and given to the fire departments. Any actions regarding this request would be deferred until the Equipment Committee reviews the policy and makes any recommendations.

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

Minutes of the August 27, 2008, Board meeting were approved as amended to show that Tommy Robbins was present at the meeting.

**Finance Committee Report:** Tommy Robbins, Chairman

The monthly finance report was accepted as information.

**Equipment Committee Report:** Gene Thomas, Chairman

The specifications for the two new fire engines will be opened October 14, 2008, at 2:00 PM.

The bids for two new grass truck chassis were opened today. The low bidder was Burns Automotive of Rock Hill, with the bid of \$31,475 each. Gene Thomas made a motion to recommend to the county council that the trucks be purchased from Burns Automotive with the total cost of both chassis being \$63,550, including sales tax. Kenny Gilfillan seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Bill Dunlap made a motion that the Board approve the cost of painting the top of the chassis for the Bethel FD white after it is delivered. Larry Williams seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Bethany Fire Department requested a 800 MHz mobile radio for their #2 grass truck. Chairman Jennings stated that he was going to request that the Equipment Committee review the Board's policy regarding trucks that are replaced by the Board and given to the fire departments. Any actions regarding this request would be deferred until the Equipment Committee reviews the policy and makes any recommendations.

Safety resources provided a demonstration of two gas monitors. The Board requested the Fire Marshal request quotes on the monitors and other items that were included in the demonstration.

The Board unanimously approved a request for one set of PPE for the McConnells Fire Department.

The Board unanimously approved a request for three sets of PPE for the Smyrna Fire Department.

The Board approved a request for one set of PPE for the Lesslie Fire Department. Bill Dunlap, Kenny Gilfillan, and Larry Williams voted in favor of the motion. Chris Thompson, Dickey Pendleton, and Gene Thomas voted against the motion. Chairman Jennings broke the tie by voting in favor of the motion. Tommy Robins did not vote.

**Accident Review Committee:**

Larry Williams, Chairman

Fire Marshal Randy Thompson reported that Sharon Fire Department's engine hit a parked vehicle owned by a McConnells firefighter, causing approximately \$2,000 damage. The Board deferred any action until the Accident Committee has a meeting to discuss the accident.

**Miscellaneous**

**Old Business:**

Chairman Jennings will appoint a committee to design the new identification cards for the Rural Fire Program. Ron Helms requested that he be allowed to serve on the committee.

Chairman Jennings reported that the map books have been delivered to the fire departments.

**New Business:**

Bethesda, Oakdale, and Sharon Fire Departments have applied for \$3,000 grants from the Forestry Commission. Each grant, if approved, will require a 50% match of \$1,500. The Board approved providing the matching funds if the grants are awarded.

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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.

Chief Don Love, Bethel FD, requested that due to Bethel FD having a trench rescue team, that any gas monitors purchased for Bethel be equipped with a pump for remote testing.

The Board requested the Fire Marshal provide additional information concerning the requirements for traffic vests.

**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.