

**BOARD OF RURAL FIRE CONTROL
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 22, 2015**

The Board of Rural Fire Control met on Thursday January 22, 2015, 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.

Representing County staff: Gary Starnes, Rickey Wilson, and Mike Burns, Billy Weatherford, and Anna Moore:

Chairman David Hord called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer:

By Frank Duncan

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

Scott Childers, Chief of Bethesda

Executive Session:

A motion was made to adjourn into executive Session.

The chairman of the board called the meeting back to order.

Reading of the Minutes:

David Hord, Board Chairman

Minutes of December 18, 2014

Motion and a second to approve minutes of December 18, 2014

All were in favor of the motion

Finance Committee Report:

Tommy Carroll, Committee Chairman

Each member of the board was given a monthly finance report.

2015-2016 budget is being developed

Oliver Dowdle was added to the finance committee

Equipment Committee Report:

Carl Faulk, Committee Chairman

Recommendation to the board to make Flint Hill FD responsible for the cost of resizing a pair of turnout pants that do not fit due to the time that has passed and the member lost weight.

All were in favor of this recommendation as a motion.

Request from Bethel FD to add a Q-Siren to their Engine 1; they will pay for all materials cost.

Recommendation to the board to allow them to add the Q-Siren and they pay for all materials and to have the shop install as time allows.

All were in favor of the recommendation as a motion

Recommendation from the committee to keep the policy regarding the cost of the deductible for portable radio lost or damaged and filed on portable equipment insurance at \$1,000.00

All were in favor of the motion

Recommendation from the committee to create a policy for standardization of SCBA purchased in York County using Scott SCBA

All were in favor of the recommendation as a motion

Accident Review Committee:

Oliver Dowdle, Committee Chairman

Recommendation from the Accident Review Committee for the driver involved in the Bethel E3 accident to attend the driver refresher within the next 3 months. The driver is not suspended

All were in favor of the recommendation as a motion

Recommendation from the Accident Review Committee for the driver involved in the McConnells E2 accident to attend the driver refresher within the next 3 months. The driver is suspended until he takes the refresher.

All were in favor of the recommendation as a motion

The Accident Review Committee would also ask that a representative from the department involved in an accident be present at the committee meeting so any questions may be answered that the committee may have.

Tommy Carroll made a motion to allow this as needed

Al Waddell seconded the motion

All were in favor of the motion

Training Committee:

Gary Starnes, York County Training Officer

Gary gave a report on monthly training activities

Rope Ops class to be held at Lesslie FD

Joint Training Center Committee:

David Jennings, Committee Chairman

Report on progress of construction at the new training center

Physical Committee:

No report

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A review of the Fire Board Workshop was discussed with an indication that another is to be scheduled.

Announcements:

Chiefs Banquet to be held on January 26, 2015, at 7:00 pm at Bethelwoods Horton Lodge

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

Dept. of Fire Safety asked for endorsement from the board to require departments each Oct 1 to submit to Fire Safety an updated/current roster of members and marking on the roster members who are non-participating in any activities of the fire department and do not need to be covered by primary nor supplemental insurance. Also to mark members of multiple departments. This will enable staff to provide accurate totals for insurance and membership dues for the SC Firefighters Association.

All indications that this will save the board money on these fees and dues.

Tommy Carroll made a motion to endorse this request.

Seconded by Frank Duncan

All were in favor of the motion

It was also recommended to send a letter to all chiefs that this will be requested in the fall.

It was discussed to look into putting money aside from the budget to do a master plan study in the future

Kevin Hayes spoke on the standardization of the SCBA.

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.