EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT # 6
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of April 13, 2006

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Les Brooks at 6:33 P. M.

2. Roll Call: Keith Lynn, Larry Menteer, Larry Tuttle, Dennis Feeley, Leslie Brooks and Chief Bill Fuller were present.

3. Consent of Agenda: It was moved by Keith Lynn and seconded by Dennis Feeley that the Agenda be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes: It was moved by Dennis Feeley and seconded by Larry Menteer to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2006 Board of Directors Meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Financial Report by Jackie Smedegaard. It was moved by Dennis Feeley and seconded by Larry Menteer that the Financial Report for March 7 to April 10, 2006 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Communications: Two letters of resignation from volunteers were received.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

   A. Jackson County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (JCARES) Presentation (Richard & Evelyn Trautwein and Don Montgomery: Don Montgomery, JCARES Emergency Coordinator, talked about the backup emergency communication ability. This system would be activated in the event of a catastrophic loss of normal radio communication systems. There are 16 prepositioned Ham radio stations in Jackson County including hospitals, emergency communication centers and County Health. A control station is at the Medford Airport. A system of linked repeaters connects areas from the coast to Klamath Falls and Redding, CA., to Washington State. Approximately 30 licensed Ham operators are certified by Oregon Emergency Management and trained in emergency communications. Don proposed a voice station at EVFD6 with dual band VHF/UHF and flexibility of repeaters. Local operators have kits for mobile reporting stations including radios and "Report Emergencies Here" banners. Richard Trautwein discussed repeaters on King and Fielder Mountains and his experience on the Hull Mountain and Tin Pan Peak fires. This system also conveys information concerning road blocks and health and welfare issues. Cost to the District for the radio system would be $669. Installation and operation would be by qualified Ham volunteers with no additional cost to the District. Dennis Feeley moved to authorize $669 be spent for the backup emergency radio system. Keith Lynn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

   B. SORC Report: Chief Fuller was unable to attend the SORC meeting. Millie Terapelli has resigned as SORC Director.

   C. Water Tank Project: Keith Lynn reported not much has happened since additional money is needed to continue the project. Chief Fuller discussed the need for a meeting to regroup and plan the next steps towards putting the tank in service.
D. Water Tender Purchase Update: Chief Fuller reported that the chassis has been ordered from Volvo and he expects a June delivery. The new tender will be in service by the end of the summer. If necessary, 6607 may be used as collateral for a loan.

E. Land Acquisition from the Grange: Vern Hansen gave an update on the District acquiring the land on which the old fire station is located. The lease expires June 6, 2006 and can be extended. The Grange offered to grant a 50 foot wide strip of land to the District. However, Jackson County declared that this does not allow for legal setbacks and that 71 feet would be required. The State Grange has now approved a 71 foot wide parcel be granted to the District. Vern will need a person from the Fire District to assist in the transaction. Jackson County will need $920 to start the lot line adjustment process. Dennis Feeley agreed to help Vern and the District acquire this land. Larry Menteer offered to assist in getting our application processed.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Allen Barney Annexation: Allen Barney brought to the Board’s attention that his property at 13705 E. Evans (approximately a mile up May Creek) is not in the Fire District, it is contiguous to other properties in the District and he would like it to be annexed. Keith Lynn moved to annex the Allen Barney property to the Fire District. Dennis Feeley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Authorization to sell old SCBA compressor: Chief Fuller reported that we have received an offer of $2000 for the old SCBA compressor. This equipment is marginally functional, has been replaced with new compressor and would cost about $10,000 to repair. Larry Menteer moved to sell the old compressor for $2000. Dennis Feeley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

9. Chief’s Report: (see attached)

10. Good of the Order: Chief Fuller read a card of thanks for the District’s assistance in locating a missing child. Fuller also passed out a flyer on oxygen masks for dogs.

11. Adjournment: Dennis Feeley moved that the meeting be adjourned and Larry Menteer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

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Larry Tuttle
Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: ________________ May 11, 2006