

EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT # 6
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of October 8, 2008

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Les Brooks at 6:32 P. M.
2. Roll Call: Keith Lynn, Larry Tuttle, Dennis Feeley, Les Brooks, Tony Strickland 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 of the September 11, 2008 Board Meeting: It was moved by Keith Lynn and seconded by Dennis Feeley that the minutes for the September 11, 2008 Board Meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Financial Report by Jackie Smedegaard. It was moved by Tony Strickland and seconded by Keith Lynn that the Financial Report for September 8 to October 6, 2008 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Communications: SORC Report: Steve Cosner reported that contract for the new dispatch center building was finished. Ground breaking will be November 6. SORC is waiting for the consultant's report due out in just one month. He confirmed that if the Elk Mountain transmitter is down, our alarms may be toned from John's Peak.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Water Tank Project Update: Keith Lynn reported clamps and chains had been applied to the manifold in order to keep it secured to the pump. He's working on short hoses attached to discharge ports which will be kept in the discharge cabinets. Still needed are the fuel tank, trim and exterior paint. Chief Fuller stated that the Safety Committee noted a safety tripping hazard with the 4" rock around the tank facility. The District will budget for rock to alleviate this hazard.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Payroll Deduction Status: Larry Tuttle reviewed the District's policy to date of not considering Volunteer Fuel Reimbursement and Sleeper Duty compensation for payroll deductions. Chief Fuller believes we need to make sure we're on solid ground as far as the IRS and Oregon Department of Revenue are concerned. Larry Tuttle discussed this matter with Jackie Smedegaard and they are continuing to research our options. The IRS now allows up to \$30 per month paid to a volunteer without any type of tax issue. Also, the IRS allows property tax abatement for volunteers, again without tax issues. How Oregon treats these payments is not clear. Tony Strickland inquired about how other Districts are handling this. All this could also be discussed with Special Districts, although in the past, SDAO had recommended considering volunteer reimbursement as payroll and taking out taxes. Chief Fuller will bring this up with the Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs.

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B. Brush Truck for Sale: Chief Fuller reported that the old brush truck had been advertised in the Equipment Mart paper for \$8500 or best reasonable offer. A party in Sandy, OR has offered \$8000. Tony Strickland moved that we accept this offer and sell ex-6663 for \$8000. Dennis Feeley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

C. Old Station Dedication: Chief Fuller had a chat with Lucille Koger (long time Wimer resident and former Board Member) about her concerns over the new fire station dedication and the lack of recognition for founding members of the Fire District. Chief Fuller proposed dedicating the old station to the founding directors and key citizens who created the Evans Valley Rural Fire Protection District. He will research options for a plaque as well as the citizens who created the District.

9. Chief's Report: (see attached)

10. Good of the Order: Dennis Feeley announced that the Flu Shot Clinic will be Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. He also reiterated the Yard Sale proceeds. Chief Fuller recalled that we still have a separate bank account for the Water Tank Project which has \$987 in it. However, this money has now been budgeted for other purposes and the bank account serves no purpose. Next month there will be an agenda item to close this account. Chief Fuller presented the Board with notice that he wishes to renegotiate his Memorandum of Understanding regarding employment with the District. This will be done at the November BOD meeting. Larry Tuttle reported that a local party was interested in the old water tank stand sitting in the weeds behind the shop building. The consensus of the Board was to dispose of this item either for scrap value or consideration as a water source. Tony Strickland reported that the Evans Valley Carnival will be Saturday, October 25 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. As usual the District will provide people to park cars. Bob Phillips reported that there will be a Spaghetti Feed on October 18 in Grants Pass to benefit Joyce Dugger (local citizen and cancer patient); unfortunately this will be concurrent with the Auxiliary's Spaghetti Feed in Wimer. The Association has made a \$100 donation to benefit Joyce Dugger.

11. Adjournment: Tony Strickland moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dennis Feeley seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Larry Tuttle
Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: _____ November 13, 2008 at 6:30 PM