

EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT # 6
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of November 13, 2008

1. The meeting was called to Order by Vice Chairman Dennis Feeley at 6:30 P. M.
2. Roll Call: Keith Lynn, Larry Tuttle, Dennis Feeley, Tony Strickland and Chief Bill Fuller were present. Leslie Brooks was absent.
3. Consent of Agenda: It was moved by Tony Strickland and seconded by Keith Lynn that the Agenda be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the October 15, 2008 Board Meeting: It was moved by Tony Strickland and seconded by Keith Lynn to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2008 Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Financial Reports by Jackie Smedegaard. It was moved by Keith Lynn and seconded by Tony Strickland that the Financial Report for October 7, 2008 to November 10, 2008 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Communications: Mark Pawlick has submitted a letter requesting to renegotiate his employment agreement at the December 11, 2008 Board Meeting. SORC Report: Steve Cosner gave a report on the Matrix Consulting Group's report for consolidation of SORC and Medford dispatch centers. He stated that the report has serious oversights and cited governance of the new agency as the major factor. According to the report, the new agency would be governed by a board with two representatives from the City of Medford, two from Jackson County and three from the 28 current SORC agencies. Also of concern was how Matrix considered the number of incidents and the dispatcher's time required per incident in proportioning dispatchers. Dispatcher shifts (12 hour shifts 11 to 11) were of concern as well. Steve reported that he and other SORC users felt that Matrix's proposal would likely recreate the same problems which had caused SORC to be formed originally.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Water Tank Project Update: Keith Lynn reported $\frac{3}{4}$ minus gravel has been spread around the tank project area to improve the driving surface and eliminate the potential tripping hazard posed by larger chunks of the base rock. The pump building has been painted and partially insulated. Two details are being worked on: short pieces of hose with fittings to connect to the discharge ports and a portable fuel tank for the pump. Chief Fuller noted the domestic water line into the tank didn't have a check valve and that this has been corrected.
 - B. Payroll Deduction Status: Larry Tuttle talked about tax and withholding issues regarding volunteer compensation. He and Jackie Smedegaard have looked into recent IRS regulations allowing \$30 per month to go to each volunteer without tax consequences. Also, volunteers are eligible for property tax abatement which Jackie discovered can be interpreted as rebates under IRS codes. Oregon tax codes follow IRS codes unless specifically excepted (which they are not in this case). Therefore, the District and its volunteers should not face income tax or employment tax issues for what's been called "volunteer reimbursement." However, the District will be liable for unemployment tax on this money; currently the rate is .007% of gross wages. Chief Fuller suggested that a policy be drafted and adopted regarding these issues.

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8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SORC Consolidation: Considering Steve Cosner's report on the proposed consolidation of SORC and Medford dispatch centers, Tony Strickland moved to direct Steve to vote to not accept Matrix Consulting Group's governance structure proposal. Keith Lynn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Strategic Plan Review: Chief Fuller reviewed accomplishments towards meeting the goals in our Strategic Plan. In the 4 ½ years since we first adopted the Strategic Plan, the majority of the goals have been met, some need work and a few have changed. After a short discussion it was decided that to schedule a Board workshop in December to revise and update our Strategic Plan. Chief Fuller will advise the board members of open dates and one will be selected for this meeting.

9. Chief's Report: (see attached)

10. Good of the Order: Chief Fuller noted that he has been busy with other issues and has not started to work on dedication of the old fire station and recognition of founding members of the District. He has not forgotten about this and will get to work on it shortly. Chief Fuller relayed information from the purchaser of our old brush truck and how a pair of ancient, battered traffic paddles were found behind the seat. The purchaser decided we needed new paddles, bought some and has sent them to the District. It was noted that he appears quite satisfied with his vehicle. Dennis Feeley reported on the November Auxiliary meeting: the Yard Sale netted \$4415; the Spaghetti Feed made \$814; the 2008 officers were re-elected to serve in their respective positions in 2009; Wimer Market has been broken into recently and has asked the community to keep an eye open for suspicious activity. Chief Fuller reported that Chairman Les Brooks' mother died recently. Tony Strickland inquired about the schedule for the next SDAO training meeting.

11. Adjournment: Keith Lynn moved that the meeting be adjourned. Tony Strickland seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Larry Tuttle
Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: _____ December 11, 2008 at 6:30 PM