

EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT # 6
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of May 14, 2009

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Les Brooks at 6:34 P. M.
2. Roll Call: Leslie Brooks, Keith Lynn, Larry Tuttle, Dennis Feeley, Tony Strickland and Chief Bill Fuller were present.
3. Consent of Agenda: It was moved by Dennis Feeley and seconded by Tony Strickland that the Agenda be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the April 9, 2009 Board Meeting: It was moved by Dennis Feeley and seconded by Tony Strickland that the minutes of the April 9, 2009 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 April 7, 2009 to May 11, 2009 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Communications: SORC Report (Steve Cosner): Steve Cosner reported that at the weekly executive board meeting topics included a \$700,000 grant which was awaiting approval to fund the move/consolidation into the new dispatch center. Jackson County could front the funds pending receipt of the grant money. There are four options for a new dispatch entity: 1. Dissolve SORC – fundamental question of how to transfer assets; deemed unworkable; 2. Update SORC's by laws and governance and give it a new name; 3. Consolidate under Medford; 4. New Special District – would require vote and tax base; phase in after economy improves. Option 2 has the most support for now. Funds from the Matrix grant had been used for other purposes. A 10 to 20 year lease on the new dispatch building is available under consolidation. Green Springs is forming a Fire District and will join SORC.
Chief Fuller introduced Jake Anderson, a 16 year old volunteer who is interested in lowering the age limit for sleeper shifts so that he could participate. This would be legal as per Oregon Labor & Industries. District policy requires a valid driver's license. Jake lives far enough from the station that he can rarely make "second seat" on calls and would like more experience. Any change would stipulate no sleeper shifts on school nights, no visitors and at the Chief's discretion.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Volunteer Compensation Policy/139B Compensation: Chief Fuller reviewed proposed changes in our Volunteer Fuel Reimbursement Policy. Larry Tuttle explained a new provision (Sec. 139B) in the tax code allowing limited compensation to volunteer firefighters and medics without tax implications. The changes will be submitted to our auditor for his review. No action is required at this time.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Annexation (4275 Ditch Creek Road): Chief Fuller reported on a property on Ditch Creek Road, which borders our District; the owners wish to annex. Brief discussion about distances

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- from station (more than 5 miles = ISO rating of 10), there's a precedent for annexations of areas more than 5 miles from the station. Chief Fuller talked about future annexations. Tony Strickland moved to annex the property at 4275 Ditch Creek Road. Dennis Feeley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- B. Main Station Building Awning/Front Door: Chief Fuller announced that Bruce King had offered to build a permanent porch cover over the front entry to the station. He's estimated that a material cost of less than \$200 is anticipated.
- C. Certified Public Accountant Agreement: Chief Fuller reviewed a new agreement from our CPA who has tendered a two year offer to provide an Audit Review for \$2750 per year. Dennis Feeley moved to accept this agreement for two years. Keith Lynn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
9. Chief's Report: (see attached)
10. Good of the Order: Chief Fuller reviewed the status of the proposed Pre-employment fitness test. Discussion. Tony Strickland suggested beta testing before we adopt anything and asked how we created the standard. Discussion followed about adaptation from Oregon Dept. of Forestry standards to more closely fit our working environment. Chief Fuller offered some "food for thought" regarding the strategic plan goal of replacing 6601 as first out structure engine. 6607 could be re-equipped with a new 750 gallon tank (it currently carries 500 gallons) for \$12,162. 6601 would be "demoted" to second out and 6607 would become first out for structure fires. The underlying rationale for this change is that 6601 can only carry two (or occasionally, three) firefighters, where as 6607 can carry accommodate four and four firefighters are required for an interior attack under the "two in, two out" rule. Tony Strickland suggested we obtain two more bids. Chief Fuller discussed a letter from DEQ regarding gas dispensing facilities and requirements for vapor recovery. Our gasoline tank is now empty and it is not foreseen that we will need to dispense gas in the future since only one vehicle is gas powered. The tank needs to go. The consensus of the Board is to sell the tank. Chief Fuller reported that Mark Pawlick noticed that the oil level on 6662 was "overfilled." The engine was taken to Detroit Diesel who found that the "O" rings in the injector were leaking and allowing diesel fuel into the crank case. Cost to repair is \$1000; repairs will be made.
11. Adjournment: Tony Strickland moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dennis Feeley seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7: 34 PM.

Larry Tuttle
Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: _____ June 11, 2009 at 6:30 PM