

EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT # 6
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of January 13, 2011

The meeting was called to Order by Board Chair Dennis Feeley at 6:33 P. M.

Roll Call: Dennis Feeley, Dale Tenbroeck, Keith Lynn, Larry Tuttle, and Chief Bill Fuller were present. Tony Strickland was absent.

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

Approval of the Minutes of the January 13, 2011 Board Meeting: It was moved by Dale Tenbroeck and seconded by Keith Lynn that the minutes of the January 13, 2011 Board Meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report by Jackie Smedegaard. It was moved by Keith Lynn and seconded Dale Tenbroeck by that the Financial Report for January 11 through February 7, 2011 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications: ECSO Report (Larry Tuttle): Larry Tuttle presented an overview of the proposed budget for FY 2011-2012. Overall, the increase in cost to users will be 1.05%. However, due to population growth and property values, EVFD6 will be charged 3.95% more than last year, for a total of \$17,790.51. Additional costs are for step increases and cost of living adjustments for personnel, although two dispatch positions will not be funded on account of efficiencies realized by consolidation. Also, there are new costs associated with the lease and maintenance of the new dispatch building. The February Intergovernmental Council meeting has been postponed a week on account of Director Margie Puckett's being out of town.

OLD BUSINESS:

Volunteer Minimum Requirements adoption: Chief Fuller presented the revised SOG Volunteer Minimum Requirements, Sec. 1.22. Brief discussion and minor wording change. Dale Tenbroeck moved to adopt the revised SOG Section 1.22, Volunteer Minimum Requirements. Keith Lynn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Volunteer Fuel Reimbursement Policy discussion: Chief Fuller reviewed a change in this policy whereby a Volunteer will receive \$5.00 for each eight hour shift at the station and \$5.00 for each call they respond to from home. There has been a change to the IRS tax code in which there was a provision for Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Responders to receive a limited amount of compensation without tax consequences. This section, 139B, had expired at the end of 2010 and has not as yet been renewed by Congress. Pending action by Congress, it was suggested that in SOG Section 8.79, Volunteer Fuel Reimbursement Policy, under Tax Implications that wording be changed to "Tax Implications: Volunteers receiving reimbursement under this policy are advised to consult with their tax professional," and that the following three paragraphs detailing Sec. 139B be removed from the Policy. Dale Tenbroeck moved that these changed be adopted. Keith Lynn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Student Staffing Proposal approval: Chief Fuller presented a Student Staffing Proposal for four options to fund the Student Firefighter Program. His preferred option, Option D, would fund for six student firefighters assigned to the station on rotating 24 hour shifts with two on duty at any

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given time. Also, a part time firefighter in charge of fleet maintenance would be hired for eight hours per week. Total cost for Option D is projected to be \$40,992 per year. Discussion followed about how this program may take off slowly at first, but would eventually provide for two firefighters on duty nearly all of the time. Larry Tuttle moved to adopt Student Staffing Proposal Option D for budgeting purposes. Dale Tenbroeck seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

D. Renegotiate Chief's Agreement: Chief Fuller outlined his request for a new two year Agreement. He is not asking for a raise or cost of living adjustment. He is asking that no cap be placed on medical and dental insurance premiums paid by the District. And he would like one more week (40 hours) of vacation for a total of four weeks or 160 hours. Short discussion followed. Dale Tenbroeck requested that a total dollar figure be worked up for the salary and benefit package. Dale Tenbroeck moved to adopt a new Agreement with the Chief for two years with the changes outlined above. Keith Lynn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Surplus Fire Apparatus Bid: Chief Fuller presented a letter which he'd drafted to place a bid on Medford engine 8114. Discussion followed about the engine's features and the Auxiliary providing at least temporary funding for its purchase. Larry Tuttle has inspected the engine and presented pictures he'd taken. Larry Tuttle moved to authorize Chief Fuller to submit a bid in the amount of \$4,000 for 8114. Keith Lynn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chief's Report: (see attached)

Good of the Order: Chief Fuller reported that the Rogue River Fire District Board of Directors had been presented with a letter from the career Firefighters expressing concerns and lack of confidence in the RRFD Board and Fire Chief. Dennis Feeley reviewed some changes in the Auxiliary's policy on a quorum required to conduct Auxiliary business.

Adjournment: Dale Tenbroeck moved that the meeting be adjourned. Keith Lynn seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Larry Tuttle
Secretary

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