EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT # 6
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of March 10, 2011

The meeting was called to Order by Board Chair Dennis Feeley at 6:30 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 February 10, 2011 Board Meeting: It was moved by Dale Tenbroeck and seconded by Keith Lynn that the minutes of the February 10, 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 February 8 through March 7, 2011 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications: ECSO Report (Larry Tuttle): Larry Tuttle reported on three ECSO meetings since the last Board meeting.

The February 16, 2011 Intergovernmental Council meeting consisted primarily of routine business and approval of the FY 2011-2012 budget. Legislative updates included the status of bills under consideration to collect 9-1-1 taxes on “throw away” cell phones as is done with regular cell phones and to protect 9-1-1 tax money from raids by legislature in order to fill in the state general fund – both bills will have their first hearings within the week. A standard for Performance Measures – call answering and dispatch times for various fire, police and medical calls – was adopted.

The February 17, 2011 presentation on narrow band and digital radios was conducted by Motorola representatives. See attached summary of notes and observations.

The February 23, 2011 Fire/EMS User Board Meeting included a number of topics.

During incidents of severe inclement weather the Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs are to receive a "Major Page."

During the ongoing move to the new CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) system, new streets cannot be added to the system. This problem will be resolved when the new CAD system goes live. In the mean time, there are work-arounds – ask Dispatch for more information if sent to a strange address.

The new CAD will be cut over on May 23. Mobile data computers must be wiped and reinstalled. New software has been written and links have been provided as needed. EVFD will not be affected by the mobile computer issues since we don’t have any. Discussion about dispatching to mile markers vs. addresses and local landmarks – agencies can submit landmarks and their approximate street addresses to ECSO for inclusion.

A proposal on radio migration to narrow banding will be submitted to the Rogue Valley Fire Chief Association Communications sub-committee meeting on March 1, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS:

Surplus Fire Apparatus Bid: Chief Fuller presented a letter from Gordon Sletmoe of Medford Fire stating that our bid for Medford’s surplus engine was not selected.

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March 11, 2010 – Continued.
Richard Brewster/Audit Review Agreement: Chief Fuller presented a letter of agreement from Auditor Richard Brewster to conduct audit reviews for the District for the current and following fiscal years. Each review will cost $3,000. Dale Tenbroeck moved that this agreement be accepted. Keith Lynn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SDAO Safety Grant: Chief Fuller reviewed the matching grant for Safety and Security surveillance monitors around the fire station buildings and grounds. There has been illegal dumping in our dumpster. Discussion about funding: the Auxiliary or the contingency fund could pay our share. Consensus to approach the Auxiliary to fund the District’s matching portion of the cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 11-01 (Abolish Local Option Tax Fund & Transfer Funds): Chief Fuller explained the history of the Capital Improvement Tax Levy of six years ago and how the Local Option Tax Fund was created to handle taxes from this levy to fund the purchase of a new rescue and tender. Except for past due taxes, all monies have been collected from this Levy and all bills relating to the purchase and finance of the two pieces of apparatus have been paid. ORS allows the District to abolish this Fund and transfer the remaining balance to the General Fund. Keith Lynn moved to adopt Resolution 11-01. Dale Tenbroeck seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chief’s Report: (see attached)

Good of the Order: Dale Tenbroeck presented a short review of this month’s Auxiliary meeting; there are no serious issues. Dennis Feeley reported on the previous day’s meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rogue River Fire District. A letter of lack of confidence in the Rogue River Board and Fire Chief was presented by the firefighters. The main issue is that the ambulance service is costing the District money and the District may choose not to reapply for the Ambulance Service Area. No decisions have been made yet. Chief Fuller provided an update on a plaque to recognize the District’s founders and donors. This plaque would be placed on the original fire station across the road.

Adjournment: Keith Lynn moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dale Tenbroeck seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

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Larry Tuttle
Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: _______________April 14, 2011 at 6:30 PM

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