

EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT # 6
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of May 12, 2011

The meeting was called to Order by Board Chair Dennis Feeley at 6:30 P. M.

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

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

Approval of the Minutes of the April 14, 2011 Board Meeting: It was moved by Dale Tenbroeck and seconded by Tony Strickland that the minutes of the April 14, 2011 Board Meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report by Jackie Smedegaard. It was moved by Tony Strickland and seconded Dale Tenbroeck by that the Financial Report for April 12 through May 9, 2011 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications: ECSO Report (Larry Tuttle): Larry Tuttle reported on the May 11 ECSO Council meeting:

Financial Reports: There were few noteworthy items in three months' worth of financial reports. There are ongoing overtime issues from under-staffing.

Legislative Update: The 9-1-1 tax on prepaid phones is dead for this legislative session; the phone companies aren't opposed to it, however, there is no means in place to collect this tax. Creation of a Trust Fund for 9-1-1 tax monies didn't go anywhere. There is pending legislation on changes to the rules regarding 9-1-1 tape disclosure: who has access to the tapes, what time frame recordings must be provided in and where they may be listened to by outside parties. Legislation was also passed this year requiring computer techs to report child pornography found on any computer, public or private.

Staffing: Six people in training, expecting four to be released by fall. Still short handed. One retirement.

CAD Update: Going live May 24. Will join the CADs of Medford/Ashland (RVCOM) and the rest of the county (SORC). Training is being done, but expect some bugs as there will be stumbling blocks. North County Fire frequencies and agencies will remain unchanged; there will be some frequency consolidations in South County Fire.

Radios: Narrow Banding is still up in the air. Police mostly have radios capable of this. Fire will narrow band in Mid-June. It's "not fatal" if all agencies and radios don't go to narrow band at the same time, but the switch should be done within two weeks. ODF will narrow band at the same time. All agencies will need to re-license their frequencies; Gordon Sletmoe will email information on "Narrow Band Easy" which simplifies this process for fire agencies.

Meeting Schedules: Now that operations have settled down in the new Dispatch Center and RVCOM and SORC have been merged, the need for monthly meetings was discussed. It was agreed that quarterly Intergovernmental Council meetings would be acceptable unless something urgent arose which needed attention. Regular IGC meetings will now be in January, April, July and October.

2-1-1 Information: 2-1-1 is a phone number which provides human resource references and is being promoted by United Way and Access. It's a clearing house for information on evacuations, social services, the homeless, etc. The call center is in Portland and it is being funded by private money, local government and non-profits; no 9-1-1 or ECSO money is being used. It would cost \$100,000 per year for Jackson County to have 2-1-1. While no user

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agencies are being asked for money, letters of support are encouraged. Further information at 211info.org.

NCMEC ANS Standards: The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has developed standards for call takers. Instruction will be at the state level and NCMEC is asking for user support to adopt the standard.

OLD BUSINESS:

Liability exposures/private bridges/SDAO: Chief Fuller reviewed the Inspection Summary from the SDAO visit in March. One item still needing to be addressed is the matter of private bridges which should be identified and property owners notified of potential limited response. Discussion about how to proceed. Larry Tuttle suggested that a sub-committee be formed to develop a system to identify what apparatus can cross what bridges and to notify property owners as necessary.

State of the Fire District: Chief Fuller reported that he and Rogue River Chief Ramsey have been discussing the potential for sharing volunteers between the two departments. Chief Fuller also presented a letter regarding a possible joint volunteer program between Boring and Clackamas FD 1 and called the Boring Fire Dept. about this program; Boring will be sending their policy. Discussion followed about possibilities. Larry Tuttle reviewed the Alarm Information Relay Proposal and Shift Calendar Test which he drafted and had presented to the Volunteers.

SOG Review: General discussion about rules, policies, enforcement and flexibility. The idea is to give Chief Fuller more latitude to make minor policy revisions without Board approval. Dale Tenbroeck moved to grant Chief Fuller authority to review the SOG's and draft a policy to use discretion in modification and enforcement. Tony Strickland seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 11-02 (Transfer of appropriations within the General Fund): Chief Fuller discussed the fact that unemployment insurance went up unexpectedly and that funds need to be transferred from Contingency to cover this. Tony Strickland read Resolution 11-02 (transfer \$2000 from line item 5401, Operating Contingency, to line item 5108, Unemployment Insurance) and moved to adopt it. Dale Tenbroeck seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Resolution 11-03 (Transfer of appropriations within the General Fund): Chief Fuller reported on the situation with 6662's pump having worn out and, in spite of attempts to repair, it is not fixable. Dale Tenbroeck moved to adopt Resolution 11-03 to transfer \$2000 from line item 5401, Operating Contingency to line item 5203, Vehicle Repair and Maintenance, to correct this funding issue. Tony Strickland seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Early Summer Firefighter Hiring: Chief Fuller announced that he will be taking a vacation in late June. There are still funds for hiring a summer firefighter which were left over from last summer which could cover an additional two weeks of summer firefighter wages for the last two weeks of June. Chief Fuller proposed hiring a summer firefighter to start work on June 15 to help cover in his absence. Tony Strickland moved to hire the summer firefighter to start June 15. Dale Tenbroeck seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Performance Evaluation Chief: There was a short discussion about the upcoming performance evaluation for the Fire Chief. The Board agreed to hold a workshop on May 18, 2011 at 9:00 AM in order to conduct this evaluation.

Chief's Report: (see attached)

Good of the Order: Dale Tenbroeck suggested that Chief Fuller talk to the Captain about pulling overnight stays at the fire station to cover the District during Chief Fuller's vacation. Bob Phillips, the District's web master, reported that his computer is dead and "not coming back." He is working on a borrowed computer. Tony Strickland reported that he has appeared in print and on television regarding his service with the Grants Pass Fire Department and that, following Fire Service tradition, he will be providing ice cream in the day room following this Board meeting.

Adjournment: And on that sweet note, Tony Strickland moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dale Tenbroeck seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Larry Tuttle
Secretary

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