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

Roll Call: Dennis Feeley, Dale TenBroeck, Larry Tuttle, Keith Lynn and Chief Bill Fuller were present.

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

Approval of the Minutes of the September 13, 2012 Board Meeting: It was moved by Dale TenBroeck and seconded by Keith Lynn that the minutes of the September 13, 2012 Board Meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.


Communications: Larry Tuttle reported on the quarterly ECSO 911 Intergovernmental Council Meeting held on October 10:
Richard Brewster presented the annual audit report.
No serious problems were noted
A few other areas of concern were addressed that needed attention.
ECSO continues to investigate and seek input on forming a special district with a separate tax base to fund emergency dispatch operations in Jackson County.
A slide show was presented comparing and contrasting the situation in Corvallis where a study was recently completed that addressed the options for a special district vs. a commission to fund emergency communications.
It would be necessary for the users to cover the costs of forming such a district.
Is there stakeholder buy in? Would users support a $.30 to $.50 per thousand tax base?
An educational and marketing plan would need to be implemented.
One tactic might be for District Users to reduce their tax rates to offset the new tax.
$35,000 to $40,000 is needed for a consultant to do a study investigating Jackson County’s needs, resources and options for funding emergency communications.

OLD BUSINESS:

(A) Vacant Board of Directors Position: Brian Chapman submitted an application to fill the vacant seat on the Board. He was introduced to the Board and made a few statements about himself and why he wanted to be on the Board. Larry Tuttle moved to appoint Brian Chapman to the EVFD6 Board of Directors. Dale TenBroeck seconded the move which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) HVAC bid review and approval: Larry Tuttle presented the various options for the proposed heating and air conditioning systems for the offices and quarters sides of the station. A total of
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14 proposals were received from five contractors. Alternate bids for ducted and ductless systems were considered. The Board agreed by consensus that a ductless system would be the best option and focused on the seven bids that offered varying features and sizes of ductless systems. Extensive discussion centered on the best size system and efficiencies and that some clarification and possible bid-modification would be in order before the Board could make its decision. A Special Board Meeting would be scheduled in the following week after Larry Tuttle and Chief Fuller received additional information from the contractors.

(B) ECSO Funding: Larry Tuttle continued on the topic of ECSO funding.

At the Council meeting, there was a discussion about the upcoming budget session for FY 2013-2014.

Talk of a user fee cap for basic dispatch services of 3% to 5% increases per year
Union negotiations for dispatcher wages and benefits begin November 1.
Consensus was for ECSO to develop a basic budget to cover essential costs of continuing service with separate add-ons for extras. The cost to each user for the basic budget as well as for each of the add-ons would be prepared for consideration during the budget deliberations.

Talk returned to the study with the case made by several representatives that funding for ECSO cannot continue to cover expenses and upgrades without additional revenue and that now is the time to get a professional evaluation of the options. Margie Moulin listed the costs to each user; EVFD6’s share would be $171 for a $40,000 study. Council representatives felt these costs would be affordable. The Council approved Margie’s request that she solicit proposals for this study, with the Council meeting later to evaluate the proposals and whether to fund the study. Note: The Council did NOT obligate any of the users to spend money at this time.

Larry suggested that the Board support the concept of this study by approving that the District agree to pay its share, which would be in the $150 to $250 range. Dale TenBroeck moved to support this study with $150 to $250 as EVFD6’s share of the cost if and when the study is approved by the Council. Keith Lynn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chief’s Report (see attached):

Good of the Order: Dale Tenbroeck recapped the Auxiliary’s yard sale which cleared $3800. Dale TenBroeck reported that he’d received compliments concerning the prompt and professional response by the District’s medics.

Adjournment: Dale Tenbroeck moved that the meeting be adjourned. Larry Tuttle seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

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Larry Tuttle
Secretary

Next Special Meeting, TBA
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