

EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT # 6
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes of March 19, 2004

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Don Worthington at 3:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present: Dennis Feeley, Don Worthington, Larry Tuttle, Greg Worthington and Ron Mailho; Chief Bill Fuller. Approximately 25 citizens and firefighters were also in attendance.
3. Moment of Silence
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Consent of Agenda: Greg Worthington moved to accept the agenda. Dennis Feeley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Approval of the Minutes for Regular Meeting of March 17, 2004. It was moved by Dennis Feeley and seconded by Greg Worthington that the Minutes be approved. The motion to accept the minutes carried unanimously.
7. Communications: Letter from River Press Publishing requesting notification of Board of Directors Meetings acknowledged.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Brush Truck (6665 ex military 6x) Survey Form? FEPP: Letter from Steve Cosner supporting keeping this brush truck was read. No other discussion or action taken.
 - B. Budget: Chief Fuller reported that he is waiting on numbers from County Assessor Dan Ross. Don Worthington recommended that at the start of the Budget Meetings some time be spent orienting new Budget Committee Members.
 - C. Pair Firefighter contract review and discussion: Discussion about presenting proposed contract to Firefighter Pawlick. Pawlick received a copy of his proposed contract with changes notes. He'll review and consider the contract and respond back to the Board at the April 8 meeting.
 - D. OSHA Progress: Chief Fuller that he's continuing to work on the written policies. A Respiratory Protection Policy is ready and he's received 5 additional policies from Fire District 5 for review and possible adoption.
 - E. ISO Letter (Policy that residences more than 5 miles from a station receive a 10 rating): Don Worthington reported on his research. He's contacted several insurance agents in the Rogue Valley and wants the community to know more about the effect of this policy. Dean Stirm of State Farm is willing to attend the April 8 meeting. Don Worthington will continue to contact other agents. By consensus the Board agreed to hear from insurance agents regarding the ISO letter/policy.
 - F. Discuss Goals of the Fire Department: Larry Tuttle presented lists of goals for the District, the Association and the Auxiliary which was developed at the March 2 meeting. He suggested that each individual on the Board and in the audience take on a goal or two and work to see it accomplished.
 - G. Scott Lochard's offer to mediate -- set meeting time and format: Larry Tuttle discussed the proposed meeting with Scott Lochard. This would be a public meeting with the Scott, the Board, the Chief, the Association President, the Auxiliary President and a member of the public to be selected by Scott. Scott Lochard would chair the round-table fact finding workshop. Public input would be allowed at the conclusion but not during the fact finding part of the meeting. Ron Mailho moved that we schedule a meeting in executive session, as otherwise outlined above, pending input from legal counsel. The motion died for a lack of a second. Greg Worthington moved that we meet with Scott in a public session as outlined above. The motion was seconded by Dennis Feeley. Voting in favor of the motion were Dennis Feeley, Greg Worthington and Larry Tuttle. Abstaining was Ron Mailho. The meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, March 31 at 6:00 PM at the Fire

Station.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Board Meeting Time, most convenient for Board and Chief: Greg Worthington suggested an earlier time for meetings. Chief Fuller stated he had no problem with 6:00 PM meetings. Larry Tuttle stated earlier start times caused problems for his business. Comments from the audience supported 6:00 PM or later meetings. Greg Worthington moved to schedule the Board of Directors meetings at 5:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. Ron Mailho seconded the motion. Voting in favor were Greg Worthington and Ron Mailho. Voting against was Larry Tuttle. Abstaining from voting was Dennis Feeley. There was some discussion about the vote. Don Worthington wanted to vote in favor. (*Secretary's note: According to Robert's Rules of Order, "When a Quorum is present, a majority vote (i. e. a majority of the votes cast, ignoring blanks) is sufficient for the adoption of any motion that is in order..."*) The motion passed.
- B. Process to advertise for and hire a new Chief: Don Worthington is investigating the costs of professional services to assist in finding and hiring a new Chief. Lowell and Phoenix, Oregon and currently also looking for Chiefs. Lou Gugliotta, formerly of Jackson County Fire District 3, is now with Bola Consulting. Ron Mailho will contact Bola Consulting and the Phoenix and Lowell Fire Departments.

10. Good of the Order:

- (1) Gary Lowe -- Inquired if the suggestion box had been opened and read recently. Don Worthington replied that it had not and Chief Fuller opened it and delivered suggestions to Don Worthington. Larry Tuttle and Ron Mailho read the suggestions. Most of the suggestions supported Chief Fuller and criticized Don Worthington, Greg Worthington and Ron Mailho.
- (2) Les Brooks -- Outlined the history and use of brush truck 6665 and asked why the Board intended to sell it. Don Worthington tried to explain and said there was a chance that we would lose the use of the land on which the old station is built. Les stated that it sounded like the Board was trying to sell off pieces of the Department. Les went on to question changing the meeting times to earlier in the day.
- (3) Paul Ream -- Offered congratulations to Chief Fuller and thanks to Dennis Feeley and Larry Tuttle. He then offered to escort Ron Mailho, Don Worthington and Greg Worthington out the door.
- (4) Kay Pawlick -- Talked about brush truck 6665 and her involvement with the Grants Pass Interagency Fire Center. This truck could earn \$85 to \$125 per hour during conflagrations or as much as \$14,000 in 12 days during the 2002 Biscuit Fire. During the Biscuit Fire she called every fire agency in her territory, including EVFD6, requesting apparatus for the Fire. Each day 6665 was available but there was no staffing for it. She asked about the lease with the Grange for the old fire station. It was determined to be for a total of 7 years with 3 or 4 of those years having passed.
- (5) Cristle Brooks -- Stated that two meetings ago (February 19, 2004) the subject of conflict of interest with regard to annexations was brought up. With four members of the Board having actual or potential conflict of interests (Dennis Feeley being the sole Board member having no such conflict) she stated that annexation is a dead issue. She stated that Greg Worthington should pay back the money he was reimbursed for expenses he incurred regarding the annexation.
- (6) Gary Lowe -- Reiterated the strong points for keeping 6665. He offered storage space for it and/or other apparatus on his property. He stated that we should prioritize our actions by need and not cost. 6644 is in need of rebuilding and we need another tender NOW. He offered to donate part of his land in the 10500 block of West Evans for a sub-station. He continued that volunteer morale is coming back and that it had been low not because of Chief Fuller, but because of "three Board members". Larry Tuttle suggested that we form a task force to investigate costs for rebuilding 6644; Gary Lowe agreed to work on such a committee.
- (7) Judy Ott -- Asked what rules we operate under for our public meetings. She stated that the vote to change the meeting times (Item A under Old Business above) was possibly out of order. Larry Tuttle said he'd look into the matter.

11. Adjournment: Dennis Feeley moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ron Mailho seconded this motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 P. M.

Larry Tuttle
Secretary

Next Meetings: Workshop with Scott Lochard on March 31, 2004 6:00 P. M.
 Regular Board of Directors Meeting on April 8, 2004 at 5:00 P. M.