Minutes of July 8, 2004

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Les Brooks at 6:30 P. M.

2. Roll Call: Larry Tuttle, Dennis Feeley, Leslie Brooks, Keith Lynn, Larry Menteer and Chief Bill Fuller. Several firefighters and members of the community were also present.

3. Consent of Agenda: It was moved by Dennis Feeley and seconded by Larry Menteer that the Agenda be approved. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes for June 10, 2004. It was moved by Keith Lynn and seconded by Dennis Feeley that the Minutes be approved. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

5. Financial Report by Jackie Smedegaard. It was moved by Dennis Feeley and seconded by Larry Menteer that the Financial Report for June 8, 2004 to June 30, 2004 be approved. The motion passed unanimously. It was moved by Dennis Feeley and seconded by Keith Lynn that the Financial Report for July 1, 2004 to July 5, 2004 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Communications: None

7. OLD BUSINESS:

   A. SORC Report: Dennis Feeley reported on the June 16 meeting. Jackson County Commissioner Sue Kupillas is making a bid to consolidate SORC and Medford Dispatch. However, the issue remains that Medford wants a weighted vote in the new center while SORC wants each agency to have a single vote. Mercy Flights is now dispatching on their own. The July SORC meeting will be on July 14.

   B. Water Tank Project: Keith Lynn met with Paul Selke of the Galli Group to review our proposed water tank project. Selke said that 1/8" thick steel is sufficient for water tanks such as ours and that since our tanks have a minimum thickness of .177" they will be fine to use as they are and will not require any coating. However, we do need to evaluate what type of anode protection will be necessary. The next step is a resistance analysis of the soil in order to determine size and type of anode. Furthermore, the plumbing from the tank should include no metal piping; suitable plastic piping and connections are available. Also, we should talk to Jackson County regarding the anchoring system. There should be no further need for engineering.

   C. Signing of Personnel Contracts 2004/2005: Contracts (Job Description/Memorandum of Understanding) were signed for Chief Fuller and Lieutenant/EMT Pawlick.

   D. Goals and Objectives Update: General discussion about Goals and costs. The consensus is to go with higher, revised figures for costs. A workshop will be needed to review these new figures. At the August Regular Board Meeting, the Goals and Objectives will be formally adopted. Also, a Local Option Tax (Levy) Resolution and Ballot Title will be adopted.

   E. Re-Approve Resolution 04-12: Resolution 04-12 (minor adjustments in line items to cover budget short falls within a category) was never signed by recalled Board Chairman Don Worthington. Larry Tuttle moved that the new Board re-adopt this Resolution. Dennis Feeley seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS:
A. Adopt Revised Organizational Policy/SOG 8.78: Dennis Feeley moved that we adopt the revised Mission Statement: **It is our duty to prevent and protect from all fire and to provide emergency medical aid to our community.** Larry Menteer seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

B. Title III Grants: Larry Menteer presented a list of grants awarded to various Jackson County agencies by the Board of Commissioners for 2004. These "Title III" grants are federal dollars administered by Jackson County and are in lieu of O&C (Oregon & California Railroad) tax monies. They must be used to benefit Federal forest lands. We are eligible for these and Title I and Title II grants since we are called upon to fight wildland fires and support wildland fire fighting on Federal lands. Projects may include an educational component (training center), equipment and facilities. Larry Menteer will continue research into these grants with the goal of successfully applying for one or more grants next year.

9. Chief's Report: (see attached)

10. Good of the Order: Vern Hansen, Grange Master, presented a brief history of the old fire station which was built on Grange property in 1962. The District has been leasing this land for $1.00 per year and this lease expires in June, 2006. The Grange is proposing to transfer a 50' wide piece of land, on which the old station sits, to the District. The Fire District will be obligated to pay for a land partition, transfer fees and related costs (estimate $1,000).

Dennis Feeley remarked that Scott Lochard has donated a lot of his time and travel for the good of the Fire District and that we should consider a small gift of appreciation. Larry Tuttle will contact Scott and invite him and a guest on a Jet Boat Dinner Excursion either on July 23 or another date of his choice.

11. Adjournment: Dennis Feeley moved to adjourn the meeting; Keith Lynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P. M.

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Larry Tuttle
Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: ________________August 11, 2004 at 6:30 P. M.