EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT # 6
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of November 10, 2005

1. The meeting was called to Order by Vice-Chairman Dennis Feeley at 6:29 P. M.

2. Roll Call: Larry Menteer, Larry Tuttle, Dennis Feeley, Keith Lynn and Chief Bill Fuller were present. and Leslie Brooks was absent

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

4. Approval of the Minutes: It was moved by Keith Lynn and seconded by Larry Menteer to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2005 Board of Directors Meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Financial Report by Jackie Smedegaard. It was moved by Keith Lynn and seconded by Larry Menteer that the Financial Report for October 11 to November 7, 2005 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Communications: None

7. OLD BUSINESS:

   A. SORC Report: Dennis Feeley reported that SORC was buying a radio site on Elk Mountain and will put in a new tower by July, 2006. SORC has revised the costs for user agencies and Evans Valley will get a refund. No new dispatch center will be built at the airport. Instead, Fire District 3 is donating property on Table Rock Road for a new dispatch center. Dennis requested that another Board Member succeed him as EVFD’s representative on the SORC Board.

   B. Water Tank Project: Keith Lynn reported that trenches have been dug and that various pipes and conduit are in and capped. However, funding has been depleted. The bid for a new electrical panel in the shop has come in at $1260. Discussion about electrical permits and inspections (they will be required for this project).

   C. Apparatus Financing and Purchase Update: Chief Fuller reported that the new rescue is under construction with pictures of the progress on the Braun NW web site. Steve Cosner is continuing to work on the specifications for the new tender.

   D. Public Contracting Regulations Policy Discussion: Chief Fuller reviewed the need for a 14 day Public Notice before adopting the Public Contracting Policy. Research on this policy has cost the District $275. Larry Tuttle moved to authorize Chief Fuller to post a notice 14 or more days in advance of the next Board Meeting at which time we will adopt the policy.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

   A. Adoption of “District Vehicle Operation Policy”: Chief Fuller presented the policy and revisions. Larry Menteer moved to adopt the STANDARD OPERATIONAL GUIDELINE, DISTRICT VEHICLE OPERATION POLICY, Sec: 8.14. Keith Lynn seconded the motion.

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which passed unanimously.

Chief Fuller presented the Assistant Fire Chief (section 4.0 – 4.10) part of the District Rules and Regulations and suggested that since there hasn’t been an Assistant Fire Chief in over 20 years, we might consider deleting this section. After a brief discussion, Larry Tuttle moved to add Section 4.11: “In the absence of a suitable, qualified individual to fill this position, the position of Assistant Fire Chief may remain vacant for an extended period of time. The motion was seconded by Larry Menteer and passed unanimously.

B. Review of “Student Firefighter Program Policy”: Chief Fuller stated that he had planned on funding the Student Firefighter position next year. It is now possible to fund two positions for the Winter and Spring, 2006 academic terms. Money for this would come from Firefighter Reimbursement and Sleep Programs since they have a large surplus. Larry Tuttle moved to implement the Student Firefighter Program, update the Policy and fund the program. Larry Menteer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

C. Water Pump across road: In prior years Larry Johnson has allowed the Fire District access to and use of his irrigation pump across E. Evans Creek Road. However, this pump has recently failed and he approached the District to help pay for the repairs (estimated to be $900). A discussion followed which focused on the facts that Larry Johnson’s property is for sale, that we have no legal easement, and related legal issues. The consensus of the Board was to take no action at this time and to explore possibilities of obtaining our own pump.

D. Check Signing: Larry Tuttle reviewed the current situation where three Board Members may sign checks and if two are unavailable, it becomes awkward to obtain two signatures on checks. Various options were discussed. Larry Tuttle moved to include all fire Directors as check signers at Umpqua Bank. Keith Lynn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. Chief’s Report: (see attached)

10. Good of the Order: Keith Lynn talked about the scarcity of Volunteer Firefighters nationwide. Dennis Feeley reported that the Auxiliary netted over $900 at the recent Spaghetti Feed. Patricia Ott has been elected President of the Auxiliary and Kathleen Heritage is Vice President. The Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 17. Finally, Dennis suggested that the District should send a Director to one or more SDAO Conferences next year.

11. Adjournment: Keith Lynn moved that the meeting be adjourned and Larry Menteer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P. M.

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Larry Tuttle
Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: _________________ December 8, 2005