

EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT # 6
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of February 10, 2005

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Les Brooks at 6:28 P. M.
2. Roll Call: Larry Tuttle, Leslie Brooks, Keith Lynn, Larry Menteer, Dennis Feeley and Chief Bill Fuller were present.
3. Consent of Agenda: It was moved by Dennis Feeley and seconded by Keith Lynn that the Agenda be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Approval of the Minutes: It was moved by Keith Lynn and seconded by Dennis Feeley that the Minutes of the January 13, 2005 Regular Meeting 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 Jan. 11 to Feb. 7, 2005 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Communications: Chief Fuller read an informational letter from Ken Jones, Attorney, regarding the upcoming District Board elections and a review pending changes in the Oregon Public Contracting Rules.
7. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. SORC Report: Dennis Feeley was out of country for the SORC meeting and had no report.
 - B. Water Tank Project: LTM has the lowest price for concrete and will donate partial, leftover concrete loads for the deadmen. Forms are ready to pour and there are enough donations and pledges to pay for the concrete. The tank hole remains flooded with about 40 gpm coming in and a like amount flowing out.
 - C. Apparatus Finance and Purchase: Research is nearly complete on the best options for our new tender and rescue. This research is reaffirming that we will be able to purchase what we need with the budget which we have. The tender will be built on a Volvo chassis and the rescue on a Ford chassis, both through State bid.
 - D. Drug Policy: Chief Fuller received a pack of information from SDAO for drug testing and background checks. SDAO offers a package whereby the first 5 tests are free; additional drug tests cost \$40. and additional background checks cost \$29. Annual cost for the complete program will need approximately \$1000 to be budgeted.
8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Oregon Public Contracting Law Changes: Chief Fuller reported that a large package of information is coming.

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- B. Board Member Training Policy Needed: Chief Fuller reviewed the history and problems of the current lack of a policy for reimbursing Directors for expenses incurred in attending training sessions and conferences. Larry Tuttle suggested that the District encourage Directors to attend these meetings but pay registration fees only. This would be in line with the policy for Volunteers where the District pays only registration or class costs but does not offer reimbursement for transportation, lodging or meals. The consensus of the Directors was to implement this policy for classes and conferences which benefit the District and the Board. Chief Fuller will draft a policy for Board Member Training to be adopted at a future meeting.

9. Chief's Report: (see attached)
10. Good of the Order: Les Brooks is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on February 23 and will be out for a couple months. Chief Fuller stated that all 5 Director positions will be on the ballot on the May 17, 2005 election. March 17 is the last day to file for these positions. All 5 Directors indicated that they will seek re-election. Dennis Feeley mentioned the article ("Fire still smoldering in EVFD") in the February 9 Rogue River Press; there is nothing the Board can do or say at this point. Larry Menteeer briefly discussed opportunities and changes for Federal grants and will investigate how best to apply for these grants. Christal Brooks spoke of the need for a Board Policy and District Bylaws to discourage nepotism; the District should seek legal counsel before enacting such a policy. Dennis Rasmussen of the Rogue River Press stated that he is writing a story on improved morale, increased volunteer activity and other positive changes at Evans Valley Fire/Rescue.
11. Adjournment: By consensus the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P. M.

Larry Tuttle
Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: _____ March 10, 2005 at 6:30 P. M.