

Minutes of

Western Taney County Fire Protection District

December 10, 2014

Meeting brought to order at 5:30 p.m by David Waters. All members present, David Water, John White and Robert Dixon were present.

Minutes from previous meetings were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by John seconded by Robert, carried by unanimous vote

Financial report presented by John. Motion to approve the financial report by Robert, seconded David, carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by David to pay bills, seconded by John, carried by unanimous vote.

Chris Berndt, Chief 1 Report – There were 161 calls in November. Chief Berndt was approached about a grant for Conservation. He will work on the grant. Chief Berndt gave the board information on Boone County passing a bond issue to purchase new fire trucks. That is why Chief Berndt tries to buy a new truck every year.

Jim Single, Chief 2 Report – We issued 2 building permits in November with a total valuation of \$501,143.00 and permit fees of \$1503.39. Chief Single performed 2 business license inspections in Hollister. Chief Single gave a fire extinguisher class to 250 employees at Big Cedar. They also gave a fire safety class to the Hollister Cub Scouts. All of the Christmas parades are completed.

Bruce Bjorge, Chief 3 Report – Last month there were 521 training hours attended. We currently have 67 students enrolled and logged into Learnfire. We have 11 students active in the system over the past month. The new recruitment video is being completed and will be ready for the banquet. We currently have a Rookie School going on that will complete on December 21.

City of Hollister – None present

Old Business

Station 9 update – Mike bid the trim and cabinets for the Station 9 apartments. Herrman did not bid the trim. Meeks bid a split jam and Lowes bid a solid jam. The trim does not need board approval. Mike is going to purchase from Meeks who was the low bid. Mike is going to buy the cabinets unfinished and then he will finish them himself. Lowes was the low bid for the cabinets. John made a motion to purchase unfinished cabinets from Lowes, it was seconded by Robert, carried by unanimous vote.

Station 12 land purchase – The land for the new Station 12 has been surveyed. Chief Berndt walked the land with the surveyor. We will set up closing for after the January 1. We will need to buy title insurance. Chief Berndt will check with Conservation to see if there is a title company that they prefer. The land was a total of 6.21 acres. We will pay \$19,996.20 for the land.

2015 Budget – Chief Berndt presented the board with the final draft of the budget. Chief Berndt removed the new brush truck from the budget. We are budgeted to carry over \$1,000,000.00 into 2016. The budget has to be approved before January 1. The board tabled the budget until after closed session to discuss any increase in payroll.

Policy 27 – Chief Berndt gave the board the changes to the policy so that they could review them before tonight's meeting. The biggest change would allow people to just join our special teams. They would still have to meet the same requirements as our firefighter to stay on the special teams. Robert made a motion to approve the changes to policy 27, it was seconded by John, carried by unanimous vote.

New Business:

Annual contracts review – The board and attorney Joe Chowning were given a copy of all of our contracts to review for the January meeting.

Firefighter yearend training bonus – The board handed out the training bonus to the firefighters who were present. This year there was 1 firefighter who attended all 34 trainings. They were Mike Majors. The board thanked the firefighters for their hard work.

Preprint inspection for Rescue 17 to Rock Rapids, IA – Our new rescue will be ready for preprint inspection at the end of December. Our dealer is in Joplin. Chief Berndt will drive to Joplin and ride up with him. We will have to pay for the motel room which is \$91.30 and his travel per diem of \$70.00. Robert made a motion to approve the preprint inspection trip to Rock Rapids, IA, it was seconded by John, carried by unanimous vote.

Station 7 live in – Evan Garey is one of our new firefighters and would like to be a live in at Station 7. He is currently in First Responder. Robert made a motion to allow Evan Garey to move into Station 7, it was seconded by Robert, carried by unanimous vote.

Bruce Bjorge - Chief Bjorge has taken a job for a company called Lexi Pool. He will be working from home. He has given his notice and January 5 will be his last day as Training Chief. He would like to stay on as a Captain of Station 1. He lives in the district. John made a motion to accept his resignation as Training Chief but allow him to stay on as a Captain at Station 1, it was seconded by Robert, carried by unanimous vote.

Assistant Chief Training Division position – Since Chief Bjorge will be leaving we need to hire a new Training Chief. Chief Berndt would like to run the position in places other than the local paper. The board approve from Chief Berndt to advertise for the position other than the local paper.

Officer Promotions – Tabled until after closed session.

OTC Fire Science program – Ozarks Technical College has a Fire Science program that they are going to be bringing to Hollister. When the students come out they have no real firefighting experience. Chief Bjorge has been working with them on having their students be firefighters with us and some of them could be live ins at some of the stations. They would be required to go through our Recruit Academy and have the same requirements our firefighters have. Chief Bjorge will work on the contract and get it a draft to Joe to review. Robert approved the concept and to allow them to start working on the contract, it was seconded by John, carried by unanimous vote.

David made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues, David voted yes, John voted yes and Robert voted yes.

Meeting went into closed session 6:35 p.m.

The board discussed raises for the employees and officer promotions.

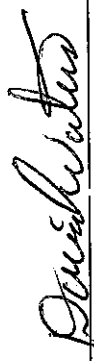
Meeting reopened at 7:00 p.m.


Robert made a motion to give Amber a \$2.00 raise everyone and everyone else a 2% raise, it was seconded by David, John voted yes for the raise for Amber and no for everyone else. David voted yes for all of the raises and Robert voted yes for all of the raises.

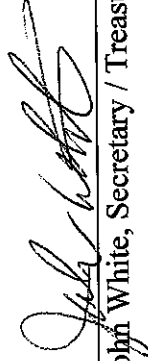
Robert made a motion to approve the 2015 budget with the raises, it was seconded by John, carried by unanimous vote.

Chief Berndt announced the following promotions: Bruce Mattson from Lieutenant to Captain, David Herd from Lieutenant to Captain, Mike Majors from Lieutenant to Captain and Blake Fox from Firefighter to Lieutenant.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

  
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David Waters, President

  
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Robert Dixon, Member

  
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John White, Secretary / Treasurer