

**BUECHEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING  
OFFICIAL MINUTES  
AUGUST 4, 2009**

Chairman Jack Clark called the August 4, 2009, meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Jack Clark  
Jerry Strange  
Bob Dooley  
Kenneth Hill  
Henry Ott  
Steve Wolfe

Chief Jonathon Yuodis  
Assistant Chief Rick Harrison  
Counselor Robert Benson  
Recording Secretary Myra Curry

The minutes of the July 7, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Jerry Strange made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Kenny Hill. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Myra Curry explained about the financial report. Discussion followed. The Chase account is closed. Chairman Clark asked everyone to go over this and if you have any questions they can be discussed next month. Henry Ott made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as submitted, seconded by Steve Wolfe. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Clark announced that the Jefferson County Trustees Association Meeting will be on August 20, 2009 at Highview Fire Department, on Fegenbush Lane at 7:00 P.M.

Chief Yuodis reported Jack Miller's mother was taken to the hospital today he does not know anything else.

The Jefferson County Fire School is having the Trustees Class on September 26 at 8:00 A.M. at McMahan; anyone wanting to go needs to sign up. Chief Yuodis stated Terri Livers and Maurice Byrne are putting together an agenda, if anyone has any topics to suggest, let Terri know.

Bob Dooley announced the insurance group is working on putting together meetings for employees, one meeting will be at Harrods Creek on Thursday, August 27, and they are looking for more places to have other meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee Reports**

Building and Grounds Committee/Major Equipment Committee

Kenny Hill turned this over to the budget committee. Bob Dooley stated the committee has come up with a plan as Chief Yuodis requested to purchase two vehicles. Bob distributed copies of a lease plan, the budget committee suggests we lease the vehicles rather than make an outright purchase. Discussion followed. Assistant Chief Harrison stated this is for the cost of the vehicles only and not any equipment or marking. Bob Dooley made a motion to accept the proposal and start the process to purchase 2 Expeditions, seconded by Kenny Hill. Motion carried. Steve Wolfe thanked Bob for his diligent work on this.

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Assistant Chief Harrison inquired as to the need to revise our budget to reflect the additional sub-categories created to track more closely the expense and income to the district. It is agreed that more sub-categories would be helpful, however the report to the board can be more general.

#### Budget Committee

No report

#### Personnel Committee

Assistant Chief Harrison reported on the four new hires, Troy Vinton has completed his probation period as of July 28, 2009, and is certified as an apparatus operator. Assistant Chief Harrison recommended that he be released from probation. Kenny Hill made a motion to rerelease Troy Vinton from probation and to confirm his full-time status, seconded by Steve Wolfe. Discussion followed, and the motion passed. The Personnel Committee approved Assistant Chief Harrison's request to extend Firefighter David O'Brien's probationary status until Dec. 31, 2009 in order for him to complete his EMT class and certification by the National Registry. Firefighter Chad Sharber will be considered for completion of his probationary status in October. Motion carried. Assistant Chief Harrison reported our newest hire, Firefighter Phillip Neuner has completed his engineer's certification program and has been released by the training bureau; he is still under probation until May 2010.

Henry Ott asked if the committee could meet tonight after this meeting to discuss an issue with our Aflac employee withholdings.

#### Steering Committee

No report.

#### LOSAP

No report.

#### Strategic Management Planning

No report.

#### Training Academy

Chief Yuodis stated Dave Goldsmith and Mike Schmidt have a meeting with Dave Jones and will sign the sale document for the lower property for \$50,000 as a good faith deposit. Chief Yuodis stated that the money requested for a tractor last month is not needed at this time as several department were not in support. Discussion followed.

#### Metro Safe and CAD System

Assistant Chief Harrison stated MetroSafe has moved into their new facility, the system was down about 7 hours during the move. The new facility is located at 5<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut in the old Federal Reserve Building. The former dispatch center at the Barret Avenue location will be used as a back-up dispatch center. Discussion followed.

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#### EMS

No report.

#### Ordinances

No report.

#### Explorer Post

Steve Wolfe reported there was nothing new, the inferno will still be the end of August.

#### Grants

Assistant Chief Harrison reported the close-out of FEMA 1818-DR will be filed, which was for the ice storm for \$8,636.35, which included the removal of the trees and the hangers. We should get this less the state and local government share. The closing date for the project was August 5, 2009. Discussion followed.

Assistant Chief Harrison stated there has been no word on the fire act grant; we will likely not hear anything until they start the peer review process later this month.

#### Health Insurance Board

Bob Dooley reported there will be a meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M.,

#### Audit

Myra Curry reported on the audit, Mr. Hollister has not started the audit; he is waiting on the detailed deprecation schedule from Todd Burger. Counselor Benson stated the work needs to be done by the September meeting so it can be approved at the October meeting. Discussion followed. Chairman Clark stated we need to have a preliminary report by the September meeting.

#### Labor Management Initiative

No report

#### Chief's Monthly report

Chief Yuodis talked about his July 2009 report and the media release. Assistant Chief Harrison stated the media release was from the Fire Prevention Bureau to promote public safety and get information out to the public on recalls and other safety issues. Discussion followed. Henry Ott asked about the department calendar where it has people on vacation, and about why it shows two off on some days. Assistant Chief Harrison stated they are off 16 hours one day and 8 hours the next day, the calendar starts at midnight and the shifts do not start until 8:00 A.M. Discussion followed. Chairman Clark stated the Chief's report will be accepted.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Clark talked about the House Bill 44 Hearing, Counselor Benson researched the issue and as a Chapter 75 Fire District we do not need to have a House Bill 44 Hearing. Counselor Benson stated based on his review of KRS 132.023, which is where the requirement for the hearings originated, that because of the requirements in KRS Chapter 75, we are not required to comply with KRS 132.023 as long as we follow KRS Chapter 75 requirements. KRS Chapter 75, which is a separate regulation, provides this board and all Chapter 75 fire districts the ability to set their tax rates regardless of what KRS 132.023 says. Last year, for the second time, the Court of Appeals ruled because of that language in KRS Chapter 75, fire districts did not have to comply with provisions KRS 132.023. Counselor Benson provided a legal opinion on this. Discussion followed.

Chairman Clark stated we need to set our tax rate for 2009 on real and personal property; currently it is .10 cents per \$100.00 assessed valuation. Kenny Hill made a motion to keep the tax rate on real and personal property at .10 cents per \$100.00 assessed valuation, seconded by Steve Wolfe. Motion carried.

Chairman Clark asked about the purchasing of QuickBooks accounting program. Assistant Chief Harrison stated the only question was if we would have to purchase a new computer for the program to run, but so far it is running on all computers. Assistant Chief Harrison stated there are a few problems with the program and we have not setup the budget yet, and would get with our auditor to make sure it was created properly. Bob Dooley agreed we need to work with the auditor on getting this set up correctly.

Bob Dooley stated going along with the software purchase, he would like to create a new committee for technology. Chairman Clark asked if he wanted a standing or ad hoc committee. Bob Dooley stated it should be a standing committee so we can work on setting up for long term plans and goals and start looking at long term needs. Chairman Clark stated he thought this was an excellent idea and wanted to know if anyone had any objections. Chairman Clark appointed Bob Dooley as Chair, and have Assistant Chief Harrison also on this committee. Chairman Clark made a motion to have the Technology Committee as a Standing Committee, and appointed Bob Dooley as Chair, and asked if anyone wanted to volunteer for this committee. Steve Wolfe volunteered and Chairman Clark appointed Marty Fautz. Discussion followed. Chairman Clark stated Assistant Chief Harrison will be an Ex-Officio member on the committee. Chairman Clark stated he withdrew his motion and said without objection this will be a standing committee.

Bob Dooley made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 P.M., seconded by Steve Wolfe.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Henry Ott, Secretary  
Buechel Fire Protection District

**NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 AT 5:00 P.M.**