

**BUECHEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING
OFFICIAL MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2011**

Chairman Clark opened the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Chairman Jack Clark
Jerry Strange
Kenny Hill
Henry Ott
Jack Miller
Steve Wolfe

Chief Jonathon Yuodis
Assistant Chief Rick Harrison
Recording Secretary Myra Curry
Bookkeeper Jeannie Saylor

A motion was made by Jerry Strange, seconded by Kenny Hill to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

The financial report was reviewed. Kenny Hill made a motion to accept the financial report as submitted, seconded by Steve Wolfe. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant Chief Harrison announced the banquet is Saturday, March 12, 2011 at Fern Valley Hotel & Convention Center on Fern Valley Road, cash bar at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, awards at 8:00 PM and the dance will start at 9:00 PM.

Steve Wolfe reported Joe Schult graduated from the recruit class and is now a firefighter.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds Committee/Major Equipment Committee

Kenny Hill reported the heat exchanger on one of the furnaces was cracked and the A coil rusted. This is a budgeted item and it is costing us \$3,228.00 to replace. Assistant Chief Harrison stated we had an estimate from the company we used and Bryan Buckley got three bids and we took the middle bid. Jerry Strange asked why the amount is lower than budgeted. Assistant Chief Harrison stated that Schardein Mechanical have an electrician and plumber if we need that service and it will be cheaper than the plumber we use now, the other bidders do not have an electrician on their staff.

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Kenny Hill also reported the specifications for 3737 were completed and emailed to everyone to go over and if anyone has any questions to ask Jack Miller. Hill made a motion to accept the recommendations for the specifications, seconded by Jerry Strange. Henry Ott asked how many vendors can bid. Jack Miller stated some of the specifications were changed and there are 10 or 12 that can bid on the truck. Motion carried.

Assistant Chief Harrison reported we did not make the last two rounds on the grant but we have not received a rejection letter.

Budget

Steve Wolfe announced their first meeting will be this Thursday (March 3) at 11:00 AM.

Personnel

Henry Ott stated they need to schedule a budget meeting; he received the email on the reimbursement request for tuition from Rick Harrison. Chairman Clark stated he will be out of town March 16th through the 26th.

Henry Ott asked Assistant Chief Harrison to report on the activity status. The firefighter are required to have 50 points over a 3 month period and the following people are way behind: Ronnie Bishop, Tony Downes, Brandon Just, Robert Lanham, Josh Risinger and Bill Schmidt. Josh Risinger was one of the people we identified several months ago. Rick stated he met with Josh. Henry stated his activities have not improved much. We are trying to keep track of this and see how it is working. Rick and Henry have talked about possibly changing the rules and come up with a better system and reviewing data on a monthly basis.

Steering Committee

Steve Wolfe said they are getting no interest for the open position on the Board. Assistant Chief Harrison said we have a resume on file for someone that is interested and asked if we should move forward with that. Henry stated he did not think legally we can do anything until we have a resignation letter from Marty Fautz. Steve stated we should proceed with this lady pending Marty's resignation. Rick stated there are several things that have to be completed before we can proceed and there is a questionnaire that will need to be completed. Discussion followed. Jerry Strange said the committee will be having a meeting Thursday to discuss this. Chairman Clark said hopefully we will have this done by next meeting and hopefully we will have a resignation letter by next meeting.

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No report.

Technology

Assistant Chief Harrison stated we have been the benefactor of a donation from the organization Bob Dooley works for in a form of about a \$5,000.00 copier. It is located in the Officers Room and it is now shared on our network. This eliminated the purchasing of the printer requested two months ago. He was able to replace the one printer out of his office and it is in the accounting office so we saved about \$500.00 in addition to having a \$5,000.00 copier donated to us that does everything. Chairman Clark stated we need to get a thank you letter to them. Chief Yuodis stated he has already addressed that and it has been taken care of and the copier is in inventory.

A treadmill was also donated to the Division.

Assistant Chief Harrison stated he mentioned last month that we were going to have to upgrade our operating system and he has received 3 bids and that will be included in our next budget. We have to upgrade Windows 7 for our computers and Server 2008. This is required by MetroSafe.

Strategic Management Planning

Henry Ott stated he talked with Jeff Pruitt and he is interested in helping us but the most important thing is what do we want to achieve out of it and what would be our goals. Henry will get back with him and talk about where we can go and what he can help us with.

Nominating Committee

Chairman Clark stated Marty Fautz – (Property Owner) and Henry Ott's (Appointed Trustee) terms are up in June of this year. Chairman Clark appointed Kenny Hill to be Chair and Jerry Strange will be Co-Chair of the nominating committee. Jerry Strange stated if the lady we have that wants to replace Marty is appointed and his term is up in June she will have to run for property owner trustee in a few months. Chairman Clark asked Jerry to talk to her and let her know about this. Discussion followed.

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Training Academy

No report

MetroSafe & CAD System

Assistant Chief Harrison reported the base station has been installed and is working fine.

On January 1, 2013 all of our VHF radio equipment will be shut down and taken out of service. Chief Yuodis stated that at that time he would like to put it out as surplus equipment and sold.

Chief Yuodis stated a few days ago when we had the severe weather there was a problem with the tornado sirens that did not sound, Doug Hamilton addressed this on the news and he said they did not receive the alert but MetroSafe let all of the departments know they were under a weather alert. They are working on correcting this.

EMS

Assistant Chief Harrison stated we are suppose to be getting Ethrophone auto ejectors from EMS in the near future.

Ordinance

No report

Cadets

Steve Wolfe stated we have 3 cadets, 2 are on academic suspension and we have 1 application and he is trying to contact this person.

Grants

Assistant Chief Harrison stated he and the Chief went to Lyndon Fire Department press conference and hand delivered a copy of our grant to John Yarmuth and he was very pleased to take it and get us some help.

Chief Yuodis reported that he has not heard anything back yet on our grant for the 4 monitors, (2 for us and 2 for McMahan) from Kevin Kramer.

Health Insurance Board

No report.

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Legislative Report

Chairman Clark stated he emailed everyone a copy of what was Senate Bill 144 and we also need to talk about hiring Jack Reckner and Howdy Kurtsinger for the Interim session, depending on the cost and for the next session for 2012 of the Kentucky General Assembly. The Jefferson County Trustees Association endorses the bill until we get different direction from the Districts.

Chairman Clark said he is behind this and believes it needs to be done whether or not it will ever happen or not he does not know. It was introduced in the Senate by Senator Seum and pulled two or three days later by Senator Seum and when asked by Jack Reckner why he pulled the bill he said he was inundated with calls from appointed trustees across the Commonwealth because they would lose their positions.

What Chairman Clark is asking the board to do is to let him know as the representative to the Trustees Association (1) whether or not we would support SB 144 as written and sign a document that would state our support of the bill and then the document would be given to Jack Reckner and Howdy Kurtsinger and hopefully we can get it from all 18 districts.

Henry Ott stated he and Jerry Strange saw each other this weekend and he also talked to other people who attended a class and other trustees had concerns about other parts of the bill. Henry is concerned that we could be raising taxes based on the vote of one person, as that is all that has voted at our elections in June. He was also concerned that the initial tax rate will be set without the possibility of a recall or public input. He believes the back lash against us could be devastating.

Chairman Clark stated that what the bill did was treat the fire districts the same as a school district, water district, and the library district which can raise their taxes at will up to 4% with a House Bill 44 hearing. Henry stated pointed out that that is not completely accurate, especially the date of the election.

Assistant Chief Harrison stated that he saw two problems. One is that we will lose 4 people, including Henry Ott, Jack Miller, Jack Clark and Steve Wolfe because the new legislation reads that firefighter representatives and property owners must live within our district that they represent and they live just outside the district in the urban service area so we would lose 4 quality people.

His other concern was not having one group outweigh everyone else with 5 property owners as they can sway ever decision on the board. Presently we now have 3 appointees, 2 property owners and 2 firefighter representatives and a mix of people voting.

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Chairman Clark stated there is no other way for us to get more money. Discussion followed. Henry Ott made a motion the board supports making changes to the funding mechanism but cannot support without a cap on the tax rate, the requirement that firefighters must live in the district and that any elections take place on the general election day, seconded by Kenny Hill. Motion carried.

Chairman Clark stated the other part of this legislative report is the Trustees Association wish to hire Reckner and Kurtsinger to push SB 144 in the interim period and for them to be our lobbyist for 2012 long session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

In discussion, Henry Ott's concern was that all of the Trustees met in PRP and agreed on a bill unanimously except for 1 person, Randy Lawson. Chief Lawson pointed out that the bill isn't going to fly and one of these days "you all" are going to have to make a quick decision and in the heat of battle you are going to have to change the bill. The next thing that occurred is the bill had been changed, no one notified, apparently at the direction of Mr. Reckner who took full responsibility. Chairman Clark stated to a certain degree he knew the bill was changed so when Jack Reckner took the bill we approved up it got changed by the politicians and Reckner agreed to do it because they told him unless we do this is not going to fly and they would not accept what was originally drafted.

Chairman Clark said he knew there was a change in board compensation because they wanted seven elected property owners. Henry said Jack Reckner is our legislative representative and should not be making those decisions without the Governance Committee knowing about it and that committee needs to be involved. Discussion followed. Chairman Clark stated Jack Reckner had to make a decision on the spot and he did it, this was the only way it was going to fly. Discussion followed.

Committee should be contacted and approved, Jerry Strange amended his second. Motion carried.

Jessica Halladay - Courier-Journal article.

Chief Yuodis has not heard anything.

Henry Ott made a motion to support the hiring, depending on the cost, of Jack Reckner and Michael Kurtsinger for the interim and the next 2012 session, seconded by Jerry Strange. Discussion followed. Henry amended his motion to add that we support them in doing legislative work for us but before they make a decision that would affect or change that which has already been voted upon by the Trustees Association, the Governmental Affairs

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FEMA Appeal for tree and stump removal

Assistant Chief Harrison stated he emailed them for a status update but he has not received a reply.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief's Monthly Report.

The Chiefs report was distributed. Motion by Jerry Strange made a motion to accept the Chief Monthly report, seconded by Jack Miller. Motion carried.

Assistant Chief Harrison reported Myra set through a 45 minute webinar yesterday with Paychex, our pay roll company and we are in the process of moving from the manual phone in Paychex system to the internet based program they have, one to save the fire district money and two to make it more effective. The process will improve accuracy and in addition it is going to save us some money.

Kenny Hill made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 P.M., seconded by Jerry Strange. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Henry Ott, Secretary
Buechel Fire Protection District

NEXT MEETING APRIL 5, 2011 AT 5:00 PM