

**WEBER FIRE DISTRICT
2023 W. 1300 N.
Farr West, UT 84404
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2008**

Members present: Blaine Holmes Tim Shupe
 Scott VanLeeuwen Paul Skeen
 Dennis Montgomery Alan Clapperton
 Richard Noyes Mike Hancock

Excused members: Val Heiner

Others present: David Austin, Fire Chief
 Paul Sullivan, Deputy Chief
 Ted Black, Fire Marshal
 Amy Hugie, Attorney
 Kate Smith, Admin. Assist/Clerk

1. Board Chair Blaine Holmes, called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Scott VanLeeuwen

3. **Opening Ceremony** offered by Mike Hancock

4. **Public Comments** – There were none.

5. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2008.

MOTION made by Mike Hancock to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting. SECOND by Scott VanLeeuwen, MOTION approved, none opposing.

6. Approval of Board Workshop Minutes for April 30, 2008.

MOTION made by Mike Hancock to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2008 workshop meeting. SECOND by Scott VanLeeuwen, MOTION approved, none opposing.

7. Treasurers Report and Approval of Expenditures.

Alan Clapperton asked about Intermountain T-Shirt, Clerk Kate Smith explained that it was department clothing for the firefighters. All items went into an inventory, and if an individual needed any clothing replaced, they would buy it from the department. He then asked about National Battery Sales, to which Deputy Chief Sullivan told the Board that the department had had a number of battery issues within the last month from equipment to apparatus needing replacements. A MOTION to accept the payables as presented was

made by Alan Clapperton. Dennis Montgomery SECOND the motion. MOTION was approved, none opposing.

8. Local 1878 Presentation

Union President, Captain Mike Nester reported to the Board that on May 21st, Union Local 1878 voted and approved the position of Battalion Chief. There were a couple of items that were a concern for the union; 1) That Weber Fire District should try to do everything within their power to promote from within. 2) That the Battalion Chief position will NOT be filled until all front line engines are manned with a minimum of 3 men. Captain Nester urged the Board to keep moving forward with this process.

9. Approval to Hire an additional Firefighter

Chief David Austin stated to the Board that Weber Fire District would not be receiving an award from the Safer Act Grant. He requested that the Board approve for the District to hire one (1) more firefighter. He stated that the new firefighters wages could easily be covered from the “match” that would have been used for the Safer Act Grant. After a brief discussion among Board Members, Dennis Montgomery made MOTION to approve the single firefighter recommendation, Mike Hancock SECOND the motion. MOTION was approved, none opposing.

10. Amended Rules and Regulations; Leave Benefits

Chief David Austin presented a draft of the Leave Benefits for the Fire District. Each line item was read and discussed in detail among Board Members and District Administration. Clarification, changes and additions will be made, and a new draft will be presented to the Board in the July meeting. (Please see draft document)

11. Uintah First Responder Agreement

Blaine Holmes and Chief Austin had met with Uintah’s Mayor who proposed a 5% increase a year for the life of the contract. This will increase the fee from \$100.00 a call to \$150.00 a call. An issue with the contract is that the renewal date of August needs to be changed to June 1st. An addendum to the contract will be written making the 5% increase effective on July 1st, and the renewal date moved to June 1st. Paul Skeen made the MOTION to authorize the District to pursue and sign the new addendum. Mike Hancock SECOND the motion. MOTION was approved through a roll call vote, none opposing.

12. Proposed Monthly Executive Committee Meetings

Board Chair, Blaine Holmes presented to the Board, his belief that the executive committee should be meeting with District Administration once a month, (approx. 2 wks before the next board meeting) for specific guidance or help where needed. He felt that while administration is doing a great job, the Board could have closer contact and a little more involvement with the day to day operations of the District. Executive members

were open to the idea, and everyone agreed to meet for a few months to see how well it would work. Administration would be in contact to set a date for the first meeting.

13. Board Training

Attorney Amy Hugie, presented part 1 of 2 sessions for Board training; “Open and Public Meetings Act.”

14. Chief’s Report

The Board received a printed copy of the Chief’s report in advance of the meeting. In addition, Chief Austin reported he had been contact by the developers attorney for the Powder Mountain Resort. The Chief was told that they had started annexation proceedings to bring the resort into Weber Fire Districts territory. This was to include the Cache County portion as well. Chief Austin advised Mark Anderson to contact our attorney as well.

The contract for the Upper Valley has been initiated and is working well. The District is currently going through the process of having ambulance 65 upgraded to an Intermediate ambulance.

14. Board Presentations

Paul Skeen – he had had a service problem with dispatch the previous month, and wanted help to find out what really happened and how they could fix the problem before it happened again. Paul Sullivan will look into the matter and get back with Paul.

15. Adjournment.

MOTION by Dennis Montgomery to adjourn meeting. SECOND by Alan Clapperton, MOTION carried. 7:42pm.

Next regular meeting – July 08, 2008 at 5:30pm

Blaine Holmes
Chairman

Alan Clapperton
Treasurer