

**WEBER FIRE DISTRICT**  
**2023 W. 1300 N.**  
**Farr West, UT 84404**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 09, 2009**

Members present:           Blaine Holmes                               Richard Noyes  
                                  Scott VanLeeuwen                         Tim Shupe  
                                  Mike Hancock                               Alan Clapperton  
                                  Val Heiner

Excused members:         Dennis Montgomery and Paul Skeen

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 Tim Shupe

**4. Public Comments** – None

**5. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2009.**

MOTION made by Scott VanLeeuwen to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting.  
SECOND by Mike Hancock, MOTION approved, none opposing.

**6. Treasurers Report and Approval of Expenditures.**

Alan Clapperton asked about LN Curtis, to which Kate Smith stated that approximately 90% of the costs was due to purchasing bunker gear, and that the remainder was spent on new speakers for an engine cab. Blaine Holmes, then asked about the Utah Truck and Trailer costs, and Kate Smith told him it was due to approx. 7 engines getting their annual inspection done for new tags. The costs covered the inspection fees and minor repair work done to each engine MOTION was made by Alan Clapperton to approve the payables as presented. Mike Hancock SECOND the motion. MOTION was approved, none opposing.

**7. 2009 Board Elections**

Blaine Holmes explained to the group, that our election committee consisted of 4 members, who were the elected officials to our board. Today there were only 2 of those members present, so Blaine Holmes explained to everyone the County was anxious to get the polling place

information from the District, and therefore, the issues needed to be discussed and some decisions made. Dennis Montgomery and Paul Skeen's board positions, will be expiring in December of 2009. Currently, our polling places are Snowcrest Jr. High for the upper valley, West Weber Elementary for everyone on the west side of the valley, and Uintah Elementary for the Uintah Highlands. The Ogden Canyon residence and all of the District islands, will receive mail in ballots so they won't have to leave to find a place to vote. Blaine said it was very important that some kind of notice be printed on the mail in ballots, so those recipients would know this was their chance to vote. And that they could not to go to a polling place, because their names would not be listed on the register. We're going to share judges and costs with the Uintah Water Improvement District, to help save a little money. Alan Clapperton let the Board know that the Mayor and 3 council members for the city of Huntsville, will be running for their seats during this election time as well. He felt it was a good idea to explore the possibility of sharing expenses with the city of Huntsville. Kate Smith explained to the Board, that the county and the District were going to try to color code the ballots somehow, so it would be easier for the judges during the "sharing time" of the polling places. The county and Weber Fire District are looking at October as the training month for these Judges. We will be using the Optical Scan with paper ballots. Chief Dave Austin is trying to figure out a way to put the election and the candidate information on the Districts webpage. Val Heiner and Mike Hancock approved the three locations presented for polling places in the upcoming elections. MOTION was made by Mike Hancock to approve the three polling places as discussed. Val Heiner SECOND the motion. MOTION was approved, none opposing.

#### **10. Chief's Report**

Chief Austin said that he hadn't been very successful in finding out any information concerning Paul Skeen. He's either not available or he's sound asleep when ever the Chief visits. He will continue to try.

Chief Austin read a letter of thanks from Chief Ed Campbell from the Smithsonian Fire Department for the contribution of our used SCBA's.

Chief Austin announced that ShaRae Holmes, the District Clerk, will be leaving our employment to become a school teacher. She is highly praised by all who worked with her, and her work ethics for her age are unsurpassed. She will be missed by all. Her going away get together will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm to 3pm – everyone is welcome to join in and wish her well.

Chief Austin told the Board that ShaRae's replacement has been hired. She worked as a Clerk for Roy Fire Department and has had much of the same work experience as ShaRae.

Administration feels that she'll work our very well for the department.

Chief Sullivan has been conducting live fire training, using the old day care center up in Eden. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> building that has been donated to the department for training, and its really paying off. There are great learning opportunities for the firefighters whenever one of these burns are done, and both Chief's have seen a difference in the way firefighters approach and fight fires because of this training. Chief Sullivan went through a number of pictures describing what was happening and what the firefighters were doing. He had nothing but praise for the various teams and how they fought the fires throughout the house.

Chief Austin told the Board that he was continuing to work with the county over the Wildland contract issue – but not really getting very far. He said that he had just found out this afternoon, that because the state had not received payment from Weber County for a past wild land fire invoice, the State will not be paying the contract money for the Fire Warden. Roger, with the State of Utah is using the District as a hostage to get the County to pay for their past due bill. As of today, the County and State have never come to an agreement concerning this 2003 bill, nor has the State actually pursued payment arrangement either. Chief Austin learned today, that Weber County did receive and keep FEMA funds that should have gone towards the payment of this 2003 bill. It worries Chief Austin that Weber County wants to continue to push their statutory responsibility for wildland fire expenses off onto the District. New contracts are in the process of being written, with several meetings being set up to try and resolve this problem once and for all. Chief Austin will continue to work the problem and will keep the board notified of any changes.

#### **11. Board Presentations**

**Alan;** he believes that Dennis Montgomery would like to have a second polling place in the upper valley for the November elections. Chief Austin asked the Board if it was ok to include a 2<sup>nd</sup> polling place pending Dennis Montgomery's answer. Blaine Holmes authorized Chief Austin to follow through with Dennis, and see what his decision is. If Dennis wants a 2<sup>nd</sup> polling place, then the District is to work with Huntsville City and share in the expenses. Amy Hugie told the Board they should make a motion for the change, since there was already a standing motion. MOTION was made by Alan Clapperton to modify the original motion of approving a 4<sup>th</sup> polling place as discussed. Val Heiner SECOND the motion. MOTION was approved, none opposing.

**Scott;** wanted everyone to know what a calming influence the District has on everyone within the community. It's a pleasure for him to be driving by and see the department doing what they do best – helping people out. Thank you for all you do.

#### **12. Adjournment**

MOTION by Alan Clapperton to adjourn the meeting. SECOND by Scott VanLeeuwen, MOTION carried. 6:43 pm.

**Next regular meeting – July 14, 2009 at 5:30pm**

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**Blaine Holmes**  
**Chairman**

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**Alan Clapperton**  
**Treasurer**