

WEBER FIRE DISTRICT
2023 W. 1300 N.
Farr West, UT 84404
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2009

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

Excused members: 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 5:31 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mike Hancock

3. Opening Ceremony offered by Paul Sullivan

4. Public Comments – None

5. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for June 09, 2009.

MOTION made by Richard Noyes to approve the minutes of the June 09, 2009 meeting.

SECOND by Tim Shupe, MOTION approved, none opposing.

6. Treasurers Report and Approval of Expenditures.

Alan Clapperton asked about Edward C. Black and Boundtree Medical, to which Ted Black stated that the Edward C. Black was reimbursement to his cafeteria plan, then Kate Smith told Alan Clapperton that Boundtree is where the department purchases medical supplies for the ambulance and the engine companies. Tim Shupe asked about McEwan and Co. to which Kate Smith told him it was the accounting firm that had been working on the Districts financial statements. Tim then asked about “Obnoxious USA”, and Kate told him it was the company that had been making all the department coats and liners. Alan Clapperton asked about Jerry’s, and Ted Black told him that he had hired them for some problems out at station 64 and station 62. MOTION was made by Alan Clapperton to approve the payables as presented. Mike Hancock SECOND the motion. MOTION was approved, none opposing.

*****District Clerk Kate Smith, ask Chairman of the Board Blaine Holmes if she could have the floor for a moment or two. Kate then introduced to all Board Members, the Districts new Clerk, Talisha Bennett. She was warmly welcomed by all members present.**

7. Resolution for 2009 Certified Tax Rate

Chief David Austin said the first resolution that he was addressing was titled “County Service Area”, which was the general operating certified tax rate. The county had projected a 1.5% growth rate, when in reality it was 4.22%. This is the maximum certified tax rate that the District can adopt without going through Truth and Taxation – Although for this fiscal year, its too late. The District is actually in pretty good shape for this year, since the reduction in the budget was recognized, and cut back measures were instituted in a timely manner. Chief Austin pointed out that 2010 fiscal year budget could be a very different story. MOTION was made by Scott VanLeeuwen to approve resolution #2009-3 as presented. Tim Shupe SECOND the motion. MOTION was approved, through a roll call vote – none opposing. Chief Austin then addressed the 2nd resolution, the Debt Service. The certified tax rate for this is as budgeted. (Please see attachment for breakdown of both resolutions) MOTION was made by Tim Shupe to approve resolution #2009-4 as presented. Val Heiner SECOND the motion. MOTION was approved, through a roll call vote – none opposing.

8. Budget Impact update & Projection of shortfalls

Chief Austin explained the handout chart and how the totals were arrived at. This is purely an informational document for the Board. Please see attached for budget breakdown.

9. Resolution to set August 11 Budget Hearing

Chairman Blaine Holmes expressed his concern with opening the budget to change it, and then possibly opening it again towards the end of the year because of the economy. He put it out for the Board, to discuss the possibility of looking at the Districts financial status each month for a while, and then adopt the amended budget later in the year. Chief Austin reminded the Board that we held the amended budget hearing for 2008 in December for 2008, as well as the proposed budget for 2009 at the same time. After a discussion, the board members agreed to look at information every month for a while, then set the amended budget hearing at a later date.

10. Approval and Plan for Annual District Picnic

After a discussion among board members, it was agreed that due to the economy, quite a bit had been taken away from our employees. The Board wanted to give something back by giving the picnic to our firefighters and their families. It was agreed that August 21st would be the best day for the picnic, and it was also agreed that Farr West Park was the best suited for parking and shade. Tim Shupe will check to see if the Farr West Park would be available.

11. Chief's Report

Chief Austin wanted to make sure that everyone had gotten the chance to see the District's article in the Straight Tip magazine. The Chief also announced a badge pinning ceremony being done on July 29th, for the promotion of two new Captains and 2 new Driver Engineers. Chief Austin wanted the Board to know that he, Ted Black, and members from the state met with the county on the Wildland Fire Agreement. After a few facts had been brought out for the county, it appears that they will be seriously looking at a new agreement. Commissioner Dearden has authorized the 2003 bill from the state to be paid, and is looking into budgets for another outstanding state invoice. The Chief will keep the Board posted as to the progress.

12. Board Presentations

Scott: He wanted to thank the District for taking part in the Marriott-Slaterville parade.
Tim: He also wanted to convey his thanks for the District's participation in the Farr West parade.
Val: Thanked the District for their participation with the West Weber parade. It went really well.
Blaine: He wanted everyone to know that he appreciated the support of the District for the West Haven parade.

13. Adjournment

MOTION by Mike Hancock to adjourn the meeting. SECOND by Alan Clapperton, MOTION carried. 6:25 pm.

Next regular meeting – Aug. 11, 2009 at 5:30pm

Blaine Holmes
Chairman

Alan Clapperton
Treasurer