

WEBER FIRE DISTRICT
2023 W. 1300 N.
Farr West, UT 84404
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2010

Members present: Blaine Holmes Tim Shupe
 Dennis Montgomery Alan Clapperton
 Scott VanLeeuwen Kevin Ward
 Mike Hancock Annette Fielding
 Val Heiner

Excused member(s): Kate Smith, Admin/Clerk

Others present: David Austin, Fire Chief
 Paul Sullivan, Deputy Chief
 Ted Black, Fire Marshal
 Amy Hugie, Attorney
 Talisha Bennett, Clerk

1. Board Vice Chair Dennis Montgomery, called the meeting to order at 5:37 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Annette Fielding

3. Opening Ceremony offered by Val Heiner

4. Public Comments- None

5. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2010.

MOTION made by Scott VanLeeuwen to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2010 meeting.
SECOND by Mike Hancock, MOTION approved, none opposing.

6. Treasurers Report and Approval of Expenditures.

Alan Clapperton asked about Jacks Tire & Oil, to which Clerk Talisha Bennett stated it was for new tires on Engine 64. Chair Blaine Holmes then asked if they were for a set, to which Deputy Chief Paul Sullivan said they were for a set of six. MOTION was made by Alan Clapperton to approve the payables as presented. Tim Shupe SECOND the motion. MOTION was approved, none opposing.

7. Review of Districts Investment Accounts and Options

Chair Blaine Holmes stated the Executive Board met with Alan Westskow from Zion's Bank on February 23, 2010. The District is currently getting .58% earned interest through the state PTIF Fund and is thinking about getting an Investment manager to structure the Districts investments. After a brief discussion the Board decided to get more information before making a decision.

Chair Blaine Holmes arrived and control of the meeting was passed to him.

8. Interlocal Agreement for Ambulance Services-Update

Chief David Austin described the latest news for the Interlocal Agreement. He stated that the agreement came back for a few minor changes, and then was returned to Ogden City for review and approval. The agreement is currently in legal with Ogden City, and once signed it will be forwarded to Roy City's legal department. Chief Mike Mathieu emailed Chief Austin and offered a letter of support from himself (Ogden City) and Roy City, until legal has completed the agreement. Chief Austin felt it may take a few weeks before the letters are complete. He will keep the Board posted.

9. Ambulance(s) and equipment purchase approval

Deputy Chief Paul Sullivan stated that the District has a specialized committee who is currently looking into buying two ambulances. The District is hoping by July 1, 2010 to have a used Ambulance at Station 61. Chair Blaine Holmes then stated that the District is looking at about \$150 thousand for two ambulances based on the idea of purchasing newer but used vehicles. He then asked if there was any room in the budget to take out a little more, to which Chief Austin replied that in order for the District to take out more money they would need to take it from the Fund Balance account. He then stated the Radio's and Equipment accounts are all budgeted under their own specific line items so those areas would be covered and it won't affect the budget. Tim Shupe asked when the District needed to make the final decision, to which Chief Austin replied if we bought a new Ambulance, it needs to be ordered fairly quickly. Fire Marshal Ted Black recommended the Board increase the budgeted amount to \$200 thousand dollars just in case the Ambulance costs went over the limit, with a final approval from the Executive Board before either of the ambulances was purchased. After a brief discussion, the Board felt comfortable with that suggestion, and also agreed it would be in the best interest of the District to finance 50% of the cost, with the other 50% being paid through the Fund Balance. This is to keep the overall Fund Balance from being taken down too low. MOTION made by Scott VanLeeuwan to approve up to \$200 thousand for the purchase of two Ambulances with Chief Austin contacting the Executive Board before purchasing. Tim Shupe SECOND the motion. MOTION approved through a roll call, none opposing.

10. 2010 Legislative Update

Chief David Austin told the Board the latest news about bill 172. He stated the Special Districts met with Senator Bramble, and the second and third substitute had been changed and dropped. This decision would allow the majority of a Board to be elected to the position of their appointed entity or elected direct to the Board. Fire Marshall Ted Black stated the new retirement regulations are to take effect July 1, 2011, meaning all employees before then are umbrellaed and under the current guidelines. The new retirement guidelines will apply to the new fire fighters hired after July 1, 2011. The District will continue to monitor any changes and will update the Board later.

11. Chiefs Report

Chief David Austin read a letter from Karen Skeen, (Paul Skeen's wife) that stated how much she appreciated what the Fire District does for Weber County, and for what the District and the Board had done for Paul Skeen.

Fire Marshal Ted Black said that with the new retirement system, the District may be paying the Social Security for Fire Fighters. This would then increase the Districts cost by 6 ¾ % in addition to the costs already calculated. Chief Austin then stated that with the changes to the retirement system, the District may lose the exemption.

12. Board Presentations

Val stated his house has been rather nuts lately, his mother in law passed away. Due to this he missed the last board meeting. The positive that came out of it was that his family flew into town and he got to visit with everyone.

Annette stated there were a few council men from Hooper City that was wondering about burn permits; to which Fire Marshal Ted Black stated that they need to come into Station 61 to get the permit, or if they catch the guys at Station 63 they can issue one there as well. The burn permits are good from April 1, through May 31, 2010. She then asked if there was any way that there could be a weekend that anyone could burn without permits, to which Chair Blaine Holmes stated that it wouldn't work because it has to be reported to dispatch so incase an individual calls in about a fire the dispatch can explain it as a controlled burn. Ted Black then described the issues that it would bring. Annette then told the Board that Hooper has a Newsletter that goes out to the entire city and that if the District has anything that they would like posted in it let her know and she will put it in there.

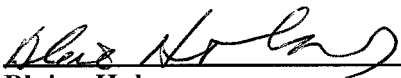
Alan just wanted to thank the Chief for letting him use Station 65 for the rabies clinic and dog licensing. The valley was very appreciative for letting them have a place to take their dogs to for their vaccinations.

Blaine stated he needed to work on his timing.

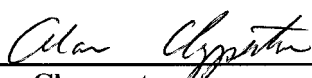
13. Adjournment

MOTION made by Mike Hancock to adjourn the meeting. SECOND by Scott VanLeeuwan
MOTION carried. 6:45 pm.

Next regular meeting –April 13, 2010 at 5:30pm



Blaine Holmes
Chairman



Alan Clapperton
Treasurer