

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OKOLONA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The regular monthly meeting, of the Okolona Fire Protection District, came to order at 7:00 pm, on March 12, 1998, at 8501 Preston Highway, Louisville, Kentucky 40219. The following people were present:

Mr. Dorsey Powell, Chairman
Mr. Mickey Raisor, Treasurer
Mr. Ed Hogan
Mr. Jerry Skinner
Mr. Joe Cissell
Mr. Irvin Maze, Attorney for the District
Col. Richard Carlson, Chief of the District
Mrs. Judy Johnson, Fire Department Secretary

Visitors: Mr. Don Renau, Kiely, Hines & Associates
Mr. Steve Siereveld, VFIS
Mrs. Kim Hanners
Firefighter David Pendleton
Firefighter Scott Evans

In the absence of secretary Joan McGee, Ed Hogan will be acting secretary.

I. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the February 5, 1998, meeting were presented for approval. Jerry Skinner made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the minutes of the February 5, 1998, meeting were duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

II. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

The treasurer submitted his report for the month of February, 1998, which is summarized as follows:

Beginning Balance as of February 1, 1998.....	\$ 88,125.89
Deposits as of February 28, 1998.....	\$107,843.79
Disbursements as of February 28, 1998.....	\$ 72,834.60
Ending Balance as of February 28, 1998.....	\$123,135.08

Joe Cissell made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Ed Hogan seconded.

Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the treasurer's report for the month of February, 1998, was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

As information to the board, we received a check for approximately \$15,000 from the state revenue office. It was a cellular telephone settlement from a lawsuit involving franchise fees paid by cellular telephone companies. These franchise fees are the same ones paid by LG & E for telephone poles.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Opening of Insurance Proposals

We have had two bidders for our insurance package, Kiely, Hines & Associates and Volunteer Firemens Insurance Services. They presented there proposals to the board which were as follows:

Kiely, Hines & Associates \$32,490
VFIS \$30,932

After careful consideration and discussion, Jerry Skinner made the motion that since we started the bidding process to get the lowest possible price for the district we should go with VFIS at \$30,932. Joe Cissell seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board accepted VFIS's insurance package in the amount of \$30,932 effective April 1, 1998.

B. Group Life Insurance

We have group life insurance in effect on our members, which is apart from the above insurance program. There is a new optional rider available, which would pay an additional 25% of the value, if the death was due to a line of duty incident. The total cost for this enhancement is \$118.80 per year. Joe Cissell made the motion to approve the option rider. Mickey Raisor seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to approve adding the option 25% line of duty death rider to the life insurance policy at a cost of \$118.80 per year.

C. LOJIC License Renewal

We have received notice that it is time for us to renew our LOJIC license. This is the data which

we have just begun to use for updating our street maps. The cost is \$585. Ed Hogan made the motion to renew the license. Jerry Skinner seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to renew the LOJIC license at a cost of \$585.

D. Health Insurance

We have been in contact with an independent insurance firm exploring the possibility of reducing the cost of health insurance for career employees. It appears that we could save some \$12,000 per year by setting up our own small group, rather than participating in the county government group. The reason is in the demographics difference. Most of our career employees are younger males. We will have to use 1 carrier. Attorney Maze advised that we do not have to advertise for bids. It was the decision of the board to get other proposals for next month's meeting and be sure we are getting the same or better coverage that we have now. Also to discuss this with the career people for their input.

E. Underground Storage Tanks

The chief and attorney have reviewed the proposal for removing the fuel tanks, and recommend that the board give approval. The initial cost would be \$8000, with \$7,000 be reimbursed by a state fund. Joe Cissell made the motion to accept the proposal. Jerry Skinner seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board approved having the fuel tanks removed at Station 1 at an initial cost of \$8,000.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tires

Unit 8030 and 8035 are both in need of set of tires and 8057 is in need of 4 tires in the rear. Jerry Skinner made the motion that if the tires are below the legal tread limit to purchase the tires. Joe Cissell seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to purchase tires for unit 8030, 8035 and 8057.

B. Educational Opportunity

Would like approval to send 20 members to the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis at a cost of \$650. Mickey Raisor stated that the trustees should make every effort to attend as well. Joe Cissell made the motion to approve sending 20 people. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions approval was given to send 20 people to the Fire Department Instructors Conference at a cost of \$650.

C. Computer Needs

We are in need of an additional computer. We have received price quotes as follows:

Dell:	\$3,427 (no monitor)
Gateway:	\$3,220
SEC:	\$3,543

Would like to go with SEC since they are a local company that we have been using for service and they could also give technical support. After discussion it was the decision of the board that Trustee Skinner and Chief Carlson get together and put together specifications and get price quotes to be presented at the April meeting.

D. Probationary Firefighter

Would like to put Jason Carr, a former Highview firefighter, on as a probationary firefighter at station 2. Ed Hogan made the motion to approve his starting his probation. Mickey Raisor seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

Joe Cissell made the motion to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel. Ed Hogan seconded. Meeting went into executive session at 8:20 pm..

The meeting returned to open session at 9:00 pm.

1. Computer

Mickey Raisor made the motion to approve Jerry Skinner and Rich Carlson to go to a computer show with the approval of up to \$3,000 to purchase a computer that they feel will best serve the department. Joe Cissell seconded. Board approved with no opposition

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board approved up to \$3,000 for a computer.

2. Officers

Joe Cissell made the motion to accept Bill Dietz and David Pendleton as permanent lieutenants. Jerry Skinner seconded. The board approved Bill Dietz with no oppositions. The board approved David Pendleton with the vote being as follows: Ed Hogan-no, Jerry Skinner-yes, Joe Cissell-yes, Mickey Raiser-no. Chairman Powell broke the tie by voting yes.

3. By-Laws

It is the decision of the board, that at next months meeting they will consider changing the by-laws that have a popular vote by the firefighters that pertains to their commanding officers and delete that requirement from the by-laws. The firefighter representatives to the board are asked to notify the firefighters of this proposed change.

4. Insurance Bids

Attorney Maze advised the board that one of the insurance bidders had lodged a protest and indicated that the board had deviated from the specifications. Attorney Maze further advised the board that they had the right to modify, change or accept any and all offers that are in the best interest of the district.

There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees, of the Okolona Fire Protection District, Joe Cissell made the motion, Jerry Skinner seconded and board approved adjourning. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Hogan
Acting Secretary

ATTESTED:

Dorsey Powell
Chairman

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