

**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, at 8501 Preston Highway, Louisville, Kentucky, 40219, on February 4, 1999 with the following people present:

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

Visitors: Sergeant Tim Eades
 Sergeant Mark Stump
 Lt. Dave Pendleton

Mrs. Madonna Flood will be acting secretary in Joan McGee's absence.

I. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the January 7, 1999 meeting were presented for approval. Ed Hogan made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mickey Raisor seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the minutes of the January 7, 1999 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 January, 1999, which is summarized as follows:

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 1999.....	\$ 79,139.88
Deposits as of January 31, 1999.....	\$481,463.00
Disbursements as of January 31, 1999.....	\$100,519.33
Ending Balance as of January 31, 1999.....	\$460,083.55

Jerry Skinner 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 January, 1999, was duly accepted and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Insurance Renewal

This is the time of year when we advertise for insurance proposals if we are going to bid the insurance package. Our policy is up for renewal April 1. It is asked if the board wished to bid the package again this year? The board advised that they did and we should advertise for bids.

B. Chairs

We discussed purchasing chairs for the trustee room at the January meeting, however we did not set an amount. We have a price quote to purchase chairs that match the chairmans chair. The cost of these chairs in leather will be \$739 each. To get the same chair in cloth will be in the neighborhood of \$600-650 each. To get a chair that matches the one in the assistant chiefs office will cost \$395 each. After discussion and motion by Trustee Cissell to purchase 11 leather chairs from OEC at a cost of \$739 per chair. Mickey Raisor seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to purchase 11 chairs for the trustee room at a cost of \$739 per chair.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Stair Railings

The front stairs at station one have large gaps between the top rail, the middle rail and the bottom rail. These are large enough for a small child to slip and fall through. If we were to build station one today, these gaps would have to be enclosed according to code. Since this is an existing building we are not required to make the changes, however for safety reasons we should do something to them. We have received only 2 price quotes from the 4 companies that came out to look at the stairwell.

Steelcon quoted \$1,850

Jerry Mudd quoted \$2,050

Joe Cissell made the motion to have Steelcon fix the stairs. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to spend \$1,850 with Steelcon to fix the railing on the front stairs at station 1.

B. Training and Education Opportunities

The training bureau has the following requests:

Green River Fire School: \$1,520
(Registration, lodging and meals for 10 members to attend this annual school)

Blood Borne Pathogens Class: \$480
(Registration, lodging and meals for Mike Allendorf to attend this program. We are subject to the OSHA blood borne pathogens regulations, and it is appropriate we send someone to receive extra training on this matter.)

Fire Department Instructors Conference: \$650
(Registration and meal allowance to send 20 members to this annual program. Ten would go on Saturday and the other ten on Sunday.)

Mickey Raisor made the motions to approve all three courses. Jerry Skinner seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to spend \$2,650 for the three educational opportunities listed above.

C. Fire Coats and Pants

We have 11 firefighters whose fire gear is some 5 to 7 years old. Their equipment is worn beyond economical repair and replacement is necessary for safety reasons. This is information to the board. The board had earlier approved purchasing replacement equipment as necessary and we are advising the board that we have ordered the replacement equipment.

Miscellaneous

1. Spanish

Trustee Raisor advised the board that on some fire runs and inspections, where the victim/business are Spanish speaking only. We need to have an interpreter or member of our crew able to converse with them. He would like to see at least one member of each crew take Spanish lessons. Mickey made the motion to require some of the career people to take the classes. There was no second to the motion. Motion died. Trustee Powell advised that there were some pocket books out that have phrases that may help us to converse with them. Also there are a number of county police officers in this district that speak Spanish.

2. Assembly Hall Use

Trustee Cissell voiced an objection to Interlink Counseling Service using the assembly hall for the graduation ceremonies. He advised that they are not non-profit and that he had some complaints from members of the community about their using our facilities. Trustee Hogan advised that Interlink has caused no problems, they have someone to watch the downstairs and they have several people in the parking lot to be sure no one parks in our lot, and they clean the room before they leave. It was the decision of the board that they not be permitted to use the room in the future. Trustee Cissell further advised that he would like to take charge of booking the room and that statute 75.120 says that the trustees are in charge of the buildings. Chairman Powell advised that the board had given Chief Carlson the authority to approve who uses the room. After further discussion, it was the decision that the use of the room will continue the way it has been with the fire department secretary sending Trustee Cissell a calendar showing who is using the room. If he has a problem or questions about who is using he can call her.

3. Tires

Trustee Hogan explained to the board for their information, that there is a tire shortage nation wide due to the stricter EPA rules effect on small manufactures and thus overloading the larger companies. We will need to start order tires when the tread depth is about half the legal limit. Trustee Cissell asked who sets the limit. Ed advised that DOT sets the tread depth. In the event of truck accident, DOT will come to the scene and they will check the tread depth during their investigation.

4. Knights of Columbus property

Trustee Raisor asked if we had gotten any more information regarding the purchase of the lot behind station one. Attorney McGregor advised that there has been no further contact with them since his memo to the board advising that they were not interested in selling at this time.

There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees of the Okolona Fire Protection District, Ed Hogan made the motion to adjourn. Joe Cissell seconded. Board approved and adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Madonna Flood, Acting Secretary

ATTESTED:

Dorsey Powell, Chairman

Mickey Raisor, Treasurer