

**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 7:07 pm, on January 7, 1999, at 8501 Preston Hwy., Louisville, Ky. 40219. The following people were present:

- Mr. Dorsey Powell, Chairman
- Mr. Mickey Raisor, Treasurer
- Mrs. Madonna Flood
- Mr. Joe Cissell
- Mr. Jerry Skinner
- Mr. Ed Hogan
- 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: Battalion Chief Keith Anderson

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

**I. ADMINISTRATION**

The minutes of the December 3, 1998 meeting were presented for approval. Mickey Raisor made the motion to accept the minutes as printed. Jerry Skinner seconded. Board approved with no opposition

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the minutes of the December 3, 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 December, 1998, which is summarized as follows:

<b>Beginning Balance</b> as of December 1, 1998.....	\$ 56,187.22
<b>Deposits</b> as of December 31, 1998.....	\$733,095.56
<b>Disbursements</b> as of December 31, 1998.....	\$710,142.90
<b>Ending Balance</b> as of December 31, 1998.....	\$ 79,139.88

Ed Hogan made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Jerry Skinner seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the Treasurer's report for the***

*month of December 1998 was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.*

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Board Room Chairs**

We have checked on prices for replacement chairs for the board room. There are two chairs here for the board to look at. The selection of chairs was left to the discretion of Trustee Hogan.

#### **B. Attendance Proposal**

The board was previously given a copy of the proposed changes to the attendance requirements program. The board is requested to approve this proposal, copy of which is attached to these minutes. Ed Hogan made the motion to approve the new attendance requirements program. Mickey Raisor seconded. Joe Cissell asked what effect this would have on the two people that were placed on 75% last week? Chief Carlson advised that they would not be affected by this new program and their disciplinary action would continue until completed. Trustee Cissell asked what would happen if after an entire year the member was below 50%. Chief Carlson advised that it would be up to the board's discretion. After further discussion, the board approved the attendance proposal.

*IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to approve the new attendance requirements program.*

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Pressure Washer**

The pressure washer at station 1 is no longer working and needs to be replaced. The following are the price quotes:

Mid-South - \$1,800 (\$500 trade-in allowance)  
Hotsy - \$2,700 (no trade-in)  
Southside Equipment - \$2500  
Citation - \$2,300 (\$300 trade-in allowance)

Jerry Skinner made the motion to purchase the pressure washer from Mid-South at a cost of \$1800. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to purchase a pressure washer from Mid-South at a cost of \$1800.***

## **B. Explorer Re-charter**

It is time to renew the Explorer charter at a cost of \$302.75. Jerry Skinner made the motion to pay the cost of rechartering the Explorer Post. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to pay the cost of re-chartering the Explorer Post. Cost to be \$302.75.***

## **C. Miscellaneous**

### **1. Fuel**

Attorney Maze reported that Trustee Raisor raise the question last month regarding our paying taxes on fuel, his office had done some research and we do not have to pay Federal tax on fuel. We will realize a substantial savings per gallon. He has been in contact with Super America about this and it should be taken care of at this time. State Department of Revenue does not exempt a local taxing district. While he thinks this is a wrong interpretation, it is not worth pursuing.

### **2. Fuel Tanks**

Attorney McGregor reported that the fuel tanks have been removed. Partial payment has been made to Warren Environmental. The first soil sample was slightly over the limit set by the state. A second sample has been taken and we should have the results next week.

### **3. Legal Counsel**

Attorney Maze advised the board that after the question was raised last month about his being legal counsel for the district when he has been elected County Attorney, he did some research into this. He is going to ask the Attorney General for an opinion, but from what he can find in the statutes allows the County Attorney to practice law in his private practice. The same statutes also states that the County Attorney has to provide legal counsel to the fire districts if requested to do so. He assured the board that he will not do anything to hurt the department and will not leave them without legal counsel. If the Attorney General's opinion is such that he should not remain legal counsel for the district, he will be sure that whoever would fill the position is well versed in fire district business, problems, etc. Chief Carlson pointed out that Attorney Maze had been serving this department for sometime and it would be unfair to the

department to lose him because of his election, especially since the state statutes allows the department to pick the lawyer of their choice. Maze pointed out that if it became a problem he would consider providing his services pro bono. Chief Carlson pointed out that he was doing now what he had done for some time. Maze promised to keep the board advised.

#### **4. Letter Regarding Trustee Association**

Trustee Cissell had written a letter and posed a question about our having membership in the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association and spending tax payers money for dues to this organization. Attorney Maze asked the Attorney General for an opinion and he received a letter from the Attorney General advising us to ask our local counsel. Attorney McGregor looked into the issue and there is nothing clearly stated regarding this. The Trustee Association funding comes from Fiscal Court. Fire districts do not pay dues to this organization. Okolona Fire District has only paid money to the Trustee Association to cover our portion of the cost on the medical control contract, which we have in order to use the AED, and our share of the cost to purchase the flashover trailer. Nearly all of our firefighters have been through the training in the trailer. Attorney Maze feels that as long as it does not cost the district money to belong to the Trustees Association, there is no problem with our being members. He does not feel that we should contribute money for lobbyist, etc., which the Trustee Association usually requests. We have not contributed to this in the last few years. Trustee Cissell advised that he would not pursue this any further at this time.

#### **D. Portable Radio**

Chief Carlson advised that the Fire Marshals portable radio has become total unreliable even after having been to the repair shop numerous times. It did not work on a fire run this afternoon. He requests approval to replace the radio. Ed Hogan made the motion to approve up to \$1500 to purchase a new radio. Mickey Raisor seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to approve up to \$1500 for the purchase of a new radio for the Fire Marshal.***

The meeting went into executive session at 8:00 to discuss matters of personnel.

After returning to open session the following motions were made.

#### **Chief's Salary**

Ed Hogan made the motion to increase the Chief's salary by 4.5%. Jerry Skinner seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

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***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions a 4.5% salary increase was approved for the chief.***

There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees of the Okolona Fire Protection District, Joe Cissell made the motion to adjourn. Madonna Flood seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

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Madonna Flood, Acting Secretary

ATTESTED:

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Dorsey Powell, Chairman

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Mickey Raisor, Treasurer