

# 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 May 6, 1999, at 8501 Preston Highway, Louisville, Kentucky 40219. The following people were present:

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

## I. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the April 1, 1999, meeting were presented for approval. Jerry Skinner made the motion to accept the minutes as printed. Mickey Raisor seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

*IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the minutes of the April 1, 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 April, 1999, which is summarized as follows:

<b>Beginning Balance</b> as of April 1, 1999.....	\$ 58,805.17
<b>Deposits</b> as of April 30, 1999.....	\$ 61,917.83
<b>Disbursements</b> as of April 30, 1999.....	\$ 103,688.60
<b>Ending Balance</b> as of April 30, 1999.....	\$ 17,034.40

Ed Hogan made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Joe Cissell seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

*IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the treasurer's report for the month of April, 1999, was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.*

## III. OLD BUSINESS

### **1. Health Insurance**

Last month the board was advised that the career health insurance was going to take a significant increase in rates effective May 1. We looked into changes, county plans, etc. and with a few coverage changes we were able to save the department approximately \$76 per employee. Cissell made the motion to ratify this insurance change and approve paying full premiums. Jerry Skinner seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to approve paying the full premium for health insurance coverage for career employees.***

### **2. Awards Rings**

Last month the board requested that Mickey Raisor look into the 25 year award. He has discussed with Balfour making the center stone of the awards ring into a diamond cluster. Balfour could not give us a price quote until the art work is done. The cost to do the art work is \$100. The board authorized him to have the necessary artwork done to get a price quote.

### **3. Retirement**

Mickey asked Attorney Maze if there was anymore information on the retirement, such as when we should be getting our money back from them, etc. Irv advised that this would need to be a executive session discussion.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Firefighter Trustee Vacancy**

Trustee Raisor's term of office expires at the end of June 1999. We are required to hold an election for this office on the fourth Saturday of June, which is June 26. The law requires the polls to be open at least from 11:00 am til 2:00 pm. Two Trustees have to be present at the polls. Ed Hogan, Jerry Skinner and Madonna Flood will be the election committee. By-laws prohibit absentee ballots. Rich Carlson to see that notices are sent to all members advising them of the election.

### **2. Firefighter Completing Probation**

Jaimy Waddell has completed his six months probation period. He is recommended to the trustees for approval as a volunteer firefighter. Mickey Raisor made the motion to approve him. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

### **3. Fire Safety T-shirts**

The fire department will be participating in the annual WHAS Crusade for Children. This gives us a tremendous exposure to the public and is an excellent opportunity to deliver fire safety messages. In the past, the board has purchased T-shirts which have been the medium of these messages. We would like to purchase shirts again this year. Price quotes:

T-Shirts Design - \$750 for 100  
First Lady - \$1,021 for 100  
Shirts by Us - \$805 for 100

Ed Hogan made the motion to purchase the shirts from T-shirts Design for \$750. Mickey Raisor seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to purchase 100 fire safety message t-shirts from T-shirt Design at a cost of \$750.***

### **4. Awnings**

We have experienced some problems with the electronic locks at the rear of sta. 1, caused from rain getting into the keypad. It is suggested to purchase an awning at the cost of \$716.

The front door at station 1, which is used by guests and other persons visiting the department, is not a covered door. If it is raining someone gets soaked waiting to gain admission into the building. The cost for an awning for this door is \$879.

Lastly, there is some overhead protection at station 2's front door but not a lot. An awning for the location is \$542.

We tried to get 3 price quotes but only one company responded. Jerry Skinner made the motion to purchase the awnings for all three locations. Joe Cissell seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to purchase 3 awnings at a cost of \$2,159.62 from Bluegrass Awning.***

### **5. Southeastern Fire Chiefs Meeting**

The chief requests board approval to attend the Southeastern Fire Chiefs meeting, which takes place from June 16-19. Registration, lodging and meals should be about \$570. Jerry Skinner

made the motion to send the chief to the conference. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to spend approximately \$570 to send the chief to the Southeastern Fire Chiefs meeting.***

## **6. Budget**

The district must file their budget with the clerk of Fiscal Court. If this is not done, then the county attorney is required by law to take action. That action would preclude special districts from spending any money until the budgets are submitted. The trustees have all received a copy of the budget for their review. Ed Hogan made the motion to accept the budget as printed. Mickey Raisor seconded. Trustee Hogan asked if we were going to lose tax revenue due to the change in the vehicle tax law. Attorney Maze advised not at this time. Board approved the budget for the fiscal year 1999-2000.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to approve the budget for the fiscal year 1999-2000.***

## **Miscellaneous**

### **1. Appointed Trustee Vacancy**

Trustee Flood advised that we should probably submit a letter to the County Judge recommending someone to fill the position recently vacated by Joan McGee. Attorney Maze has advised the County Judge that we have a vacancy. The board had no names to submit at this time but will discuss at the June meeting. Chief Carlson advised that Jack Ragan indicated he would like to be considered for the position. He is active in the Okolona Community.

### **2. Self Contained Breathing Apparatus**

Trustee Hogan advised that we are drawing up specifications for self contained breathing apparatus along with 7 other departments for the purpose of getting price quotes for group purchasing. Middletown Fire Districts attorney is drafting up these specifications. Middletown is covering the cost of the attorney fees. Trustee Hogan would like board approval to participate in this. Attorney Maze advised that when it came time to request bids, it would have to be advertised and all departments names would have to be included in the advertisement because the purchase would be over \$10,000. This would have to be done according to statutes. The board approved our participation in this. Trustee Hogan to handle.

### **3. Retirement**

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Trustee Cissell advised the board of his concerns regarding the CERS retirement paying less to it's retirees and he is working to stop or change this.

There being no further matters to come before the board, Ed Hogan made the motion to adjourn. Madonna Flood seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ed Hogan, Acting Secretary

ATTESTED:

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Dorsey Powell, Chairman

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Mickey Raisor, Treasurer