

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 7:02 PM, at 8501 Preston Hwy., Louisville, Ky. 40219, on February 6, 2003 with the following people present:

Mr. Dorsey Powell, Chairman
Mr. Ed Hogan, Treasurer
Mr. Jack Ragan
Mr. Bob Hughes
Mr. Mike Portman arrived at 7:10 PM
Mr. Kyle Brown
Mr. Jason McGregor, Attorney for the District
Col. Richard Carlson, Chief of the District
Mrs. Judy Johnson, Fire Department Secretary

Visitors: Lt. Dale Stearman
Firefighter Keith Durbin
Firefighter Ricky Carlson
Asst. Chief Keith Anderson
Asst. Chief Cary Luker

Chairman Powell asked for nominations for board secretary. Madonna Flood was the board secretary until her resignation last month. Ed Hogan nominated Kyle Brown. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved.

I. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the January 3, 2003 meeting were presented for approval. Jack Ragan 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 January 3, 2003 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 2003 which is summarized as follows:

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2003.....\$ 822,344.46

Deposits as of January 31, 2003.....	\$1,147,714.50
Withdrawals as of January 31, 2003.....	\$ 301,447.99
Ending Balance as of January 31, 2003.....	\$1,668,610.97

Jack Ragan made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Kyle Brown seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the treasurer's report for the month of January 2003 was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Group Health Insurance

Last year Okolona joined the county fire service health insurance group. The board elected to place the savings, from our leaving and own group and joining the county group, in a contingency fund in case of rate increase. This balance of this account is \$55,070.41. There has been a 16% rate increase for this year or approximately \$27,333.24 more. Bob Hughes made the motion to approve paying for the health insurance with the rate increase. Ed Hogan seconded. The balance in the contingency fund is to remain in the fund for next year. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to pay the premium with increase for the health insurance for the career employees.

B. Generator Bids

Last month the board requested that the generators be rebid. A legal notice was placed in the Courier Journal. Secretary Brown opened the bids which are as follows:

Cummins - their bid was held good thru this meeting - Sta. 1 - \$57,043
Sta. 2 - \$27,834

Brackney Electric - Sta. 1 - \$87,600
Sta. 2 - \$36,460

Arrow Electric - Sta. 1 - \$78,672.62
Sta. 2 - \$34,900

After discussion, Ed Hogan made the motion to purchase a generator for Sta. 1 at a cost of \$57,043 from Cummins with the hope that we can budget for one for Sta. 2 in the near future. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to purchase a generator for station 1 from Cummins at a cost of \$57,043.

C. Black Mudd/Okolona Merger

Chief Carlson made a presentation to the board concerning the Black Mudd/Okolona merger. Jack Ragan gave the board a memo from the committee that advised that it is the opinion of the committee that the proposed consolidation should be favorably accepted by the Okolona Fire District board of trustees. Memo attached to these minutes. It is suggested that we bring the Black Mudd people over at our entry level starting salary except in the case of two people who would have to take a decrease in salary. Those starting at entry level would still be getting a substantial pay increase from their current salary. Black Mudd has requested that we give their chief a pay raise and that none of their people go down more than 1 step in rank.

Black Mudd has a concern about representation on the board of trustees. Chair Powell advised that there are no provisions to absorb any of their board. They will be able to run for any elected or appointed positions when they open up.

The special meeting with Black Mudd will be held February 20, 2003, at 7:00 PM.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Training and Educational Requests

The training bureau has submitted the following requests:

Computer Class at JCC for Scott Armstrong & Troy Kerr, total cost \$500 plus books.
Incidiary Fire Anaylsis at University of Cincinnati for Mike Allendorf, cost \$963 plus books.

Applications of Fire Research at University of Cincinnati for Chris Gosnell, cost \$963 plus books.

EMT class for Brian Evans - cost \$472 plus books.

There is a possibility that there may not be a charge for the EMT class due to Know How, Inc. using our facilities for a night class.

Jack Ragan made the motion to spend the funds for the educational requests. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to spend up to \$2,898 plus the cost of books for the above classes.

B. Possible Savings on Electricity & Natural Gas

Some time ago, the board approved contacting a representative of LG&E to evaluate our utility usage. A survey was recently done and a proposal was submitted that shows there may be some savings in the cost of energy after an initial investment. Chairman Powell appointed a committee to review this. Ed Hogan to chair the committee. Mike Portman and Jack Ragan to be on the committee. Ed Hogan advised he would like for the committee to look over other ways to save as well.

C. Apparatus Repairs

Trustee Hogan advised the board that we are going to have some major apparatus repair bills coming in the near future. Unit 8034 & 8032 both have had engine problems that will cost in the neighborhood of \$9000 to repair. Unit 8034 & 8051 both have rust problems where their aerial units attach to the frames. The aerials are not usable until the repairs are made. We have a rough estimate of between \$15,000 and \$30,000 per unit to repair. Both of these units were in the TBA fire several years ago. Chairman Powell advised that we should hire a metallurgist to look at the units and give us a recommendation. Bob Hughes made the motion to hire a metallurgist to look at the units and give an opinion. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to hire a metallurgist to evaluate the two units and give us an opinion as to the possible cause.

There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees, of the Okolona Fire Protection District, motion was made by Bob Hughes, seconded by Jack Ragan and approved to adjourn at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Brown, Secretary

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ATTESTED:

Dorsey Powell, Chairman