

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, Ky. 40219, on Thursday, January 3, 2003, with the following people present:

Mr. Dorsey Powell, Chairman
Mrs. Madonna Flood, Secretary
Mr. Ed Hogan, Treasurer
Mr. Jack Ragan
Mr. Bob Hughes
Mr. Mike Portman
Mr. Kyle Brown
Col. Richard Carlson, Chief of the District
Mr. Irvin Maze, Attorney for the District
Mrs. Judy Johnson, Fire Department Secretary

Visitors: Charles Wimsatt, Black Mudd Fire District
Sue Floyd, Black Mudd Fire District
Bennie Farrell, Black Mudd Fire District
Marion Quesenberry, Black Mudd Fire District
William Schmitt, Black Mudd Fire District
David Taylor, Black Mudd Fire District
Tab Baechle, Black Mudd Fire District
James Flowers, Black Mudd Fire District
Battalion Chief Cary Luker, OFD
Firefighter Dave Lindsey, OFD
Firefighter Robb Sheffer, OFD
Firefighter Brad Nalley, OFD
Firefighter Rob Barrett, OFD
Laura Lindsey, OFD Auxiliary

I. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the December 5, 2002 meeting were presented for approval. Jack Ragan made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the minutes of the December 5, 2002 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 2002 which is summarized as

follows:

Beginning Balance as of December 1, 2002.....	\$ 72,325.97
Deposits as of December 31, 2002.....	\$950,868.81
Disbursements as of December 31, 2002.....	\$200,180.32
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2002.....	\$822,014.46

Jack Ragan made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the treasurer's report for the month of December, 2002 was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Black Mudd Fire District

The Chief and the board of trustees of the Black Mudd Fire Protection District were invited to the meeting to discuss possible merger with Okolona. They advised that Black Mudd is landlocked and can not increase their revenue. The major concern is fire protection for their district and jobs for their career personnel. After discussion, committee members from the Okolona and Black Mudd scheduled a meeting for January 8, 2003 at Black Mudd to discuss this further and prepare their recommendations. A special board meeting will be scheduled for February 20, 2003 at 7:00 PM, at Okolona station 1. The Okolona committee members will be Jack Ragan, Bob Hughes & Mike Portman. Ed Hogan and Kyle Brown will be the firefighters representatives that will have a separate meeting with Black Mudd to review and compare policies, procedures, etc.

B. Generators

Last month it was requested to purchase back up generators for sta. 1 and sta. 2. The total cost was to be approximately \$85,000. The matter was deferred to this meeting. Ed Hogan requested us to rebid since we only had one bidder. Attorney Maze advised that there would not be a problem with rebidding. Kyle Brown made the motion to rebid the generators. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition. Irv Maze to place rebid ad in Courier Journal. Irv advised that we could call possible bidders and advise them to watch for the ad.

C. Jack Ragan appointment

Madonna Flood made the motion to send Mayor Jerry Abramson a letter and request that he reappoint Jack Ragan for another term. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Educational Opportunities

The following requests were made by the training bureau:

Annual Green River Officer's school - 10 officers - Lodging, meals & registration \$2550.

Two firefighters to Jefferson Community College classes - \$370 plus books

Mike Portman made the motion to approve the schools. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to spend \$2920 plus books for Green River Officers school and two Jefferson Community College classes.

B. Training Equipment

The training bureau has requested the purchase of updated training materials, which is the 4th Edition of the Essentials of Firefighting. This is the standard to which we are training our members, and is the commonly accepted standard. The cost is \$2,863. Jack Ragan made the motion to purchase the materials. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to purchase the 4th Edition of the Essentials of Firefighting at a cost of \$2,863.

C. Equipment Purchases

It is requested to purchase a gas operated positive pressure blower from Public Safety at a cost of \$1,186. Ed Hogan made the motion to purchase the blower at a cost of \$1,186. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

It is requested to purchase a pressure washer for station 2. Citation price - \$4,135, Mid-South price - \$3900 w/ \$500 rebate on old machine. Ed Hogan made the motion to purchase the pressure washer from Mid-South. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to purchase a positive pressure blower and a pressure washer at a total cost of \$5,086.

D. Personnel Matters

Battalion chiefs Chris Gosnell and Cary Luker have completed their two year probation as battalion chief officers and it is recommended that they be advanced to assistant chief rank. Ed Hogan made the motion to move them to Assistant Chief. Madonna Flood seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

The following persons are requested to be approved as probationary volunteer firefighters:

Vicky Harper
Lisa Tyler
Jeffrey Rodgers
Keymond Barneswell
Adam Gallagher

Bob Hughes made to approve the above people to begin their probationary period. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

E. Fire Alliance Funding Request

A request to supplement fire alliance funding has been received. Chairman Powell advised the board that Attorney Maze has advised that we can not do this legally and there will be no further discussion of the matter.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel.

The meeting returned to open session.

Mike Burgett appeared before the board for his hearing regarding his being below the required attendance requirements for last year. Motion was made by Bob Hughes, seconded by Mike Portman and approved with no opposition that Mike be placed on 6 months probation during which time he must maintain a fire run percentage of 60%.

Ben Foster was requested to appear before the board for his hearing regarding his being below the required attendance requirements for last year. Ben did not respond or attend the meeting. Motion was made by Bob Hughes, seconded by Mike Portman and approved with no opposition, that after confirming Ben Foster was mailed a letter regarding the hearing and due to his failure to attend this hearing, he be sent a letter of dismissal and advised to return all fire district equipment.

Elected Trustee Madonna Flood submitted her resignation to the position of elected trustee of the

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Okolona Fire District due to her being elected to a position in Metro Council.

Motion was made by Mike Portman, seconded by Jack Ragan and approved with no opposition to send a letter to Major Jerry Abramson and request that he appoint Z.Grey Vincent to complete the term of Madonna Flood.

There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees of the Okolona Fire Protection District, motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary

ATTESTED

Dorsey Powell, Chairman