

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 7:05 PM, at 8501 Preston Highway, Louisville, Kentucky on Thursday, March 6, 2003 with the following people present:

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

Visitors: Mr. Steve Siereveld, Ky Public Entity Program
Mr. Don Renau, Kiely, Hines & Associates

I. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the February 6, 2003 meeting were presented for approval. Jack Ragan made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

The minutes of the February 20, 2003 special 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 February 6, 2003 meeting and the February 20, 2003 special 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 February, 2003 which is summarized as follows:

Beginning Balance as of February 1, 2003.....	\$1,668,610.97
Deposits as of February 28, 2003.....	\$ 83,115.63
Disbursements as of February 28, 2003.....	\$ 224,433.31
Ending Balance as of February 28, 2003.....	\$1,527,293.29

Bob Hughes made the motion to accept the treasurer's report for the month of February 2003 as

presented. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Insurance Proposals

Insurance proposals for the departments building, vehicle & liability coverages have been presented. Secretary Kyle Brown opened the bids which were as follows:

Ky. Public Entity Programs/VFIS.....\$41,570.00
Kiely, Hines & Assoc./ESIP.....\$41,398.75

Chief Carlson advised that the proposals are for comparable policies.

Kyle Brown made the motion to accept the proposal from Kiely, Hines & Associates/ESIP for \$41,398.75.

B. Telephone System/Black Mudd/Okolona

We will need to network the computers at Black Mudd with Okolona's when the merger is complete. Contact has been made with the company that provides our T-1 telephone line service. They gave us a special price of \$315 per month. Nuvox will be having a price increase on March 28. It will cost \$3,780 for the period 7/1/03 - 6/30/04 if we order now. If we wait it will cost \$6,780 for that time period. Jack Ragan made the motion to approve order the service for the Black Mudd system now with it being completed on July 1, 2003. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to place the order for the T-2 service to network Black Mudd to Okolona at a cost of \$315 per month.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fire Department Instructor's Conference

Each year we send a number of fire department members to the annual Fire Department Instructor's Conference. The training bureau has requested approval to spend up to \$850 to send

up to 30 members this year. Jack Ragan made the motion to approved up to \$850 to send the members to the conference. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to spend up to \$850 to send members to the Fire Department's Instructors Conference.

B. Code Administrators Association Conference

Each year we send our building inspectors to this conference so they can achieve enough continuing education to fulfill certification requirements. The cost is \$1,139.35 for the conference. Ed Hogan made the motion to send the inspectors to the conference. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to spend \$1,139.35 for the Code Administrators Conference for the inspectors.

C. Bob Gritton Request

Career firefighter Bob Gritton requested permission to move to Lagrange. He is getting married next month and his fiancée lives in Lagrange and her daughters go to school there.

Chief Carlson requested to go into executive session to discuss matters of personnel. Ed Hogan made the motion to go into executive session. Jack Ragan seconded. Meeting went into executive session.

After returning to open session, Jack Ragan made the motion to eliminate the residency rule for career firefighters. Bob Hughes seconded. Board approved with no opposition. Trustee Hogan asked Firefighter Gritton if he thought that there would be a problem with his getting to work in bad weather. Firefighter Gritton advised that he would make every effort to be here. Trustee Portman stated he wanted it be understood that based on Firefighter Gritton's request a major change has happened with employment within this department and if it fails it will be failing because he or any other employee took advantage of this opportunity. Change is being made at the request of the department members.

D. Trustee Terms

The following trustee terms expire June 30, 2003:

Firefighter Representative Kyle Brown
Appointed Trustee Bob Hughes
Trustee Powell appointed Jack Ragan, Bob Hughes and Ed Hogan to be the election committee.

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The procedures for the election will followed according to the by-laws of the district. The election will be held the 4th Saturday in June from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The firefighters will be notified of the election and that advised that nominations must be received according to the by-law requirements.

We have been asked to submit 3 names for the appointed position. Trustee Bob Hughes has requested to have his name submitted again. Sue Floyd, who is a trustee on the Black Mudd Fire District and Charlie Wimsatt who is also on the Black Mudd Fire District have both requested to have their names submitted. The board approved submitting the above 3 names.

Bob Hughes made the motion to adjourn. Jack Ragan seconded. Trustee Brown advised that we had received an application for volunteer firefighter from a Steve Corbin and he asked for board approval for him to start his probationary period. Chairman Powell asked if his application had been through all the steps and Trustee Brown advised that he had not been interviewed by the officers board. Board advised to submit his name at the April meeting after all steps had been completed.

There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees, of the Okolona Fire Protection District, the motion was approved to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Brown, Secretary

ATTESTED:

Dorsey Powell, Chairman

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