

**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 Thursday, March 2, 2006 at 8501 Preston Highway, Louisville, Ky. 40219 with the following people present:

Mr. Dorsey Powell, Chairman  
Mr. Jack Ragan, Treasurer  
Mr. Kyle Brown, Secretary  
Mr. Lonnie Thurman  
Mr. Mike Portman  
Mr. Troy Kerr, arrived late  
Mr. Irvin Maze, Attorney for the District  
Mrs. Judy Johnson, Fire Department Secretary

Visitors: Mrs. Ellie Hicks  
Mr. Steve Siereveld, Ky. Public Entity Programs  
Ms. Michele Finke, Public Entity Insurance  
Asst. Chief Cary Luker

**I. ADMINISTRATION**

The minutes of the February 2, 2006 meeting were presented for approval. Jack Ragan made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

*IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the minutes of the February 2, 2006 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 which is summarized as follows:

**Beginning Balance as of February 1, 2006.....\$ 793,197.59**  
**Deposits as of February 28, 2006.....\$1,787,503.34**  
**Withdrawals as of February 28, 2006.....\$1,770,697.52**  
**Ending Balance as of February 28, 2006.....\$ 810,003.41**

Mike Portman made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Lonnie Thurman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the treasurer's report for the month of February, 2006 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 coming year, starting April 1, 2006, were due tonight. We have received two proposals. Trustee Brown opened the proposals which are as follows:

Kentucky Public Entity Programs – VFIS	\$69,508.00
Public Entity Insurance – ESIP	\$62,324.50

Both proposals are good for 90 days.

ESIP proposal could go up as much as \$2,100 when they receive the earthquake/flood proposal to increase coverage to the value of the buildings.

It was the decision of the board to review the proposals and hold a special meeting on March 16, 2006 at 7:00 to select the proposal.

#### **B. Personnel**

At the last meeting, there was discussion on hiring a new firefighter to help cover absences. At the time, it was unknown whether this person should be a full time or part time person. After researching the use of overtime, the determination was that a full time person would be appropriate. Lonnie Thurman made the motion to hire a full time firefighter. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition. It was the decision of the board to hire from the applicants that submitted applications for the last hiring. They will call in the applicants and interview them again. They hope to have a recommendation by the March 16 special meeting. Kyle Brown asked not to be on the hiring committee this time. Hiring committee will be Jack Ragan, Troy Kerr and Mike Portman.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Revision of Sick Leave Policy**

The chief requests the board consider a revision to the sick leave policy so there is a clarity about limited duty. A copy of the revision is attached. Mike Portman made the motion to approve the revision to the sick leave policy. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

### **B. Cell Tower at Station 3**

We have been told that Cingular wishes to cancel its lease on cell tower space. They can either leave their equipment on the tower and see if another service provider is interested in taking it over, or they can remove it. It is the choice of the department. The recommendation is to leave it there. Kyle Brown made the motion to leave the equipment and have Cingular try to find another provider. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

### **C. Loan Interest Rate**

National City advised Mr. Ragan that the new construction loan was up for the rate review and the renewal rate is lower than what we have been paying. Treasurer Ragan signed the paper to accept the lower rate. This saves the department about \$14,402 per year interest. The board is asked to ratify Trustee Ragan's action. Attorney Maze advised that there will be a lot of paperwork to be filled out and a closing. Lonnie Thurman made the motion to ratify the signing of the lower interest rate loan and authorize Attorney Maze to handle the closing and Chairman Powell to sign the resolution. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the aboard approved renewing the construction loan at the lower interest rate.***

### **D. Military Leave**

Trustee Kerr wishes to submit to the board a suggestion for a military leave policy which we have not had in the past. A copy of the policy is attached to these minutes. After discussion, Mike Portman made the motion to approve the policy. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

### **E. Educational Opportunity**

Patrick Montague has requested to attend the Maryland Fire Safety Institute's Staff and Command class. All we need to pay is the enrollment cost. All other costs are covered. The cost for enrollment is \$945. Jack Ragan made the motion to approve the class. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions approval was given for Patrick Montague to attend the Maryland Fire Safety Institute class at a cost of \$945.***

## **F. Trustee Terms**

Elected Trustee Mike Portman's term ends June 30. An election committee should be established. Lonnie Thurman, Jack Ragan and Kyle Brown are the election committee. Attorney Maze advised that we will have to advertise for nominations the first of April. Then the end of April we will have to advertise the name of the candidates. The election will be Saturday, June 24, 2006.

Appointed Trustee Sue Floyd's term ends June 30 and the Mayor's office should be notified. Kyle Brown requested the board to recommend Ellie Hicks to the appointed position since she came from Edgewood.

## **Miscellaneous**

### **1. Supplemental Life Insurance for Career Firefighters**

Trustee Brown advised that he has been looking into getting some supplemental life insurance for our career firefighters. He has a price from VFIS. We now have a \$50,000 24 hour coverage plan. Premiums are going up to \$16,000 this year. Irv asked about medical evaluations and pre-existing conditions. Kyle advised there were no medical evaluations but he was not sure about pre-existing conditions.

### **2. Certificate of Deposit**

Trustee Ragan advised that there is a certificate of deposit coming up for renewal. He suggests just letting it roll over. Board agreed.

### **3. Asst. Chief Cary Luker**

Trustee Kerr advised the board that Asst. Chief Cary Luker would like to address the board regarding his loss of wages during a line of duty injury. He was off work for 8 weeks. He advised the board that he was out \$10,495.59 after workers compensation paid and Hartford and Provident paid. We have a policy that states the department will reimburse firefighters for wages lost if injured. Lonnie Thurman made the motion to

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reimburse Cary Luker his lost wages. Jack Ragan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED after proper motions to reimburse Asst. Chief Cary Luker his lost wages while he was off with a line of duty injury.***

#### **4. Flaherty Fire Department**

The Flaherty Fire Department has approached us about purchasing out unit 8081 which is our utility truck. This unit rarely gets used. Flaherty wrecked their unit and they are in need of another. Kyle has spoken with the Chief and the Chief said he may consider making it surplus. Mike Portman made the motion to declare the unit surplus if the Chief deems it to be surplus when he returns. Kyle Brown seconded. Board approved with no opposition. Bids will be opened at the special meeting.

***IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board approved declaring unit 8081 surplus subject to the Chief's approval.***

There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees, of the Okolona Fire Protection District, motion to adjourn was made by Jack Ragan and seconded by Lonnie Thurman. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kyle L. Brown, Secretary

ATTESTED:

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Dorsey D. Powell, Chairman

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