

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, May 6, 2010, at 8501 Preston Hwy., Louisville, Ky. 40219 with the following people present:

Mr. Dorsey Powell, Chairman
Mr. Cary Luker, Secretary
Mr. Kyle Brown, Treasurer
Mr. Ed Hogan
Mr. Lonnie Thurman
Mr. Mike Portman
Mr. Jason McGregor, Attorney for the District
Col. Richard Carlson, Chief of the District
Mrs. Judy Johnson, Fire Department Secretary

Visitors: Ms. Pam Orwick, Northern Kentucky Logistics
Mr. Jim Baker, Troop 376 BSA
Mr. Matt Cook, Troop 376 BSA
Sgt. Keith Durbin
Firefighter Rob Barrett
Firefighter Robin Hicks
Mr. Chapin Collins, Sterling Thompson Co.

I. ADMINISTRATION

The minutes of the April 1, 2010 meeting were presented for approval. Ed Hogan made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Kyle Brown seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the minutes of the April 1, 2010 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 which is summarized as follows:

Beginning Balance as of April 1, 2010.....	\$2,739,998.66
Deposits as of April 30, 2010.....	\$ 254,548.11

Withdrawals as of April 30, 2010.....\$ 580,670.93
Ending Balance as of April 30, 2010.....\$2,413,875.84

Cary Luker made the motion to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the treasurer’s report for the month of April 2010 was duly approved and made a part of the permanent records of the Okolona Fire Protection District.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Budget Committee Report

Chief Carlson advised that unless there is a plan for a special board meeting, this is the last one before June 1 which is the date we are required by law to have a budget adopted for the fiscal year which begins July 1. Kyle Brown made the motion to accept the budget committee’s recommendations and approve the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board accepted the budget committee’s recommendations and approved the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

B. Trustee Ragan Recognition

Some suggestions have been made regarding a way of honoring retired Trustee Jack Ragan for his service to both the fire district and Okolona community.

1. Naming the classroom at station one the “Ragan Classroom” with a plaque denoting such.
2. Giving Mr. Ragan the title of “Trustee Emeritus” which is only a title and does not confer any privileges, authorities or benefits.

In accordance with the board’s previous direction, we will be holding a reception, at station one, on Sunday, June 13, 2010 at 3:00 pm.

Lonnie Thurman made the motion to name the classroom for Mr. Ragan and also give him the title of Trustee Emeritus. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

C. General Insurance Limit Increase

We have received information from our insurance carrier on increasing certain limits as requested by the board. Following are the figures:

\$975.24 annually increase flood insurance
\$2,054.32 annually to double the umbrella coverage
\$1,301.01 annually for earthquake coverage

Kyle Brown made the motion to increase the insurance coverage as noted above. Lonnie Thurman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board approved increasing the insurance coverage at an annual cost of \$4,330.57.

D. Station 1 Sign

Kyle Brown advised the board that Billy Mattingly had information on the sign for station one but he needs to have Madonna Flood review the information before submitting to the board.

E. Volunteer Firefighter

Cary Luker advised the board that volunteer firefighter Mike Burckel, who had been in run percentage trouble, has resigned.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Career Firefighter Retirement

Career firefighter Dave Lindsey retired effective April 30, 2010. The recommendation is to not fill this vacancy at this point in time due to financial considerations. We have had to alter our staffing models to accommodate this. Hopefully once our personal property tax revenues are more clearly defined, which is usually in September, we will have a better idea of our income and can re-visit this vacancy. Ed Hogan made the motion to hold off on filling the vacant position. Cary Luker seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

B. Foreign Trade Zone Request

We have been contacted by a company called Northern Kentucky Logistics. They are interested in having a portion of the warehouses on Global Distribution Drive (between General Electric and Fegenbush Lane) designated as a Foreign Trade Zone. Ms. Pam Orwick asked to make a presentation to the board. Buildings in Foreign Trade Zones do pay fire taxes on the value of the land and buildings. However they may not have to pay

taxes on personal property such as goods in transit, merchant's inventory and so forth. They are property a Payment in lieu of taxes ("PILOT") to the fire district.

The only concern is that the fire district receives the same revenue on personal property as if there was no Foreign Trade Zone designation.

Attorney McGregor has been sent copies of the proposed agreement for his review.

Under this agreement we would receive an additional \$1,500 per year. They have also agreed to let us see the books at the end of the year to see if taxes would be more than \$1,500 and if so they would pay the additional.

Ed Hogan made the motion to approve the Foreign Trade Zone Request. Lonnie Thurman seconded. Board approved with no opposition. Chairman Powell will sign the necessary documents.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board approved the proposed Foreign Trade Zone request.

C. Part-time Firefighters

In order to prevent the use of overtime, we are requesting the board permit the fire chief to hire a limited number of as needed part time firefighters. He asked if the Chief could handle this or if the board needed to need board approval which may lengthen the process and we have a need for these firefighters now. Trustee Powell asked it was felt this was an emergency situation. Trustee Brown advised that it was an urgent situation. Chief Carlson advised that from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday he wants 12 firefighters on duty. Due to vacations, sick leaves, etc. this is sometimes hard to achieve. Trustee Hogan asked how often are we unable to man Unit 8081. Chief advised frequently. Trustee Powell advised that he wanted 8081 to be staffed 24 hours a day. Ed Hogan made the motion that on an emergency basis we approve the chief to hire 2 more part time, as needed firefighters. Lonnie Thurman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board approved hiring 2 part time, as needed firefighters.

D. Health Insurance

The Jefferson County Fire Health Partnership is in jeopardy of falling apart due to a number of fire districts finding cheaper insurance costs by going out on their own policies. We have contacted the broker handling our general insurance and they have a proposal to make. By obtaining our health insurance in this manner, we will be saving between \$100,000 and \$220,000 in a 12 month period. The representative also has an alternative plan that could offer a bigger savings of between \$168,000 and \$220,000. This is a remote possibility because the fire department pays the employee's deductibles

first, and then the employee pays the balance of the deductible, rather than the employee paying the deductible first.

This should be deemed as an emergency expenditure by the board as the current partnership is likely to either fold or be subjected to even higher rates prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Mike Portman made the motion to accept the Anthem DO3C SMABA insurance plan effective June 1, 2010. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition. Chief Carlson to notify the Jefferson County Fire Health Partnership that we will be leaving effective June 1, 2010.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board approved changing health insurance carriers to Anthem from the Jefferson County Fire Health Partnership effective June 1, 2010.

E. Boy Scouts

Matt Cook, Troup 376 Boy Scouts of American, has requested to use Okolona station 1 for the troop weekly meetings. They also have a trailer they would need to store. They meeting on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Ed Hogan made the motion to approve their using our facility & finding storage for their equipment. Mike Portman seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

Miscellaneous

Chief Carlson asked that since we will have a \$20,000 drop in June on our budget can we use that amount to increase our overtime since we are not filling the vacant position. Kyle Brown made the motion to approve the Chief's recommendation. Ed Hogan seconded. Board approved with no opposition.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that after proper motions the board approved using the \$20,000 for overtime costs.

Ed Hogan made the motion to go into executive session at 8:52 pm. Cary Luker seconded. Board approved.

Cary Luker made the motion to return to open session at 9:02 pm. Lonnie Thurman seconded. Board approved.

There being no further matters to come before the board of trustees of the Okolona Fire Protection District motion was made by Lonnie Thurman, second by Mike Portman and board approved to adjourn at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cary Luker, Secretary

Attested to:

Dorsey Powell, Chairman