

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**October 20, 2009**

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held at 6550 E. 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Commerce City, was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by President Ken Koger.

The following directors were present: Vice President Rocky Teter, Treasurer Robert Harpin, Secretary Randy Buckalew and Director Darren Friess.

Also present were: Fire Marshal Ron LaPenna, Diane Roemer-Vigil, Tom Merrigan and Chief Ellis Howard.

**Introduction of guests:** Robert Kreutzer, Ward Barnett and Greg Friess

**Minutes**

Mr. Koger asked for approval of the September 15<sup>th</sup> minutes, Robert Harpin made a motion to approve the minutes, Randy Buckalew seconded-carried.

**Treasurers Report:**

Submitted with packets.

Mr. Harpin stated there are several line items that are over budget, but no budget categories. He would like to compliment everyone on the corrective action taken on the utilities at the stations.

The CSAFE account is only paying a annualized yield of .28%, the District will have to carefully watch the revenue for next year.

**Bills:**

Submitted with the packets.

Mr. Harpin made a motion to pay the bills for September, totaling \$419,097.86 Rocky Teter seconded-carried.

**EMS:**

Marshal LaPenna informed the Board, Northglenn Ambulance would like to set up a meeting with the Board to review their contract for 2010, since their contract with the District ends this year.

Mr. Koger would like to set up a meeting for October 27, 2009 at 6:00p.m at Stat. #3.

**Board Actions:**

No actions to be taken

**Report on Buildings:**

Randy Buckalew inquired if the toilet at Stat. #5 has been repaired. Bob Kreutzer stated it is working.

**Board Comments:**

Mr. Harpin stated the total cost of Stat. #8 was \$3.5 million, not the \$2.8 million originally budgeted.

In his opinion the District has addressed the 2006 ISO letter regarding equipment issues.

Darren Friess inquired if the Mountain States class was of value to the employees.

Marshal LaPenna informed him it was a good class, and has had positive feedback from the employees.

Randy Buckalew inquired about TK-22. Marshal LaPenna informed him it should be back in service tomorrow, Gary is changing the oil and doing some minor repairs. The MDT will be installed in it while it is at the shop.

Gary is replacing the rear brakes in E-26 along with the battery conditioner, the shore line connection, the MDT will be installed in it also.

Mr. Buckalew also would like to know about the sign the police department wants to place at Stat. #8.

Marshal LaPenna informed the Board he received an e-mail from Chief Baca stating if the District would not allow a sign at Stat. #8 regarding their was a police sub-station there, it would be a deal breaker regarding the police using the station.

Discussion followed. The Board agreed they will not allow a sign at Stat. #8.

Marshal LaPenna will inform Chief Baca of the Boards decision.

Mr. Koger inquired about the status of E-25. Marshal LaPenna informed him the repair shop is still waiting on parts from the manufacturer.

### **Legal Comments:**

No report

### **ADCOM:**

Marshal LaPenna informed the Board USA mobility has a lease with ADCOM and are several month delinquent. They informed ADCOM they are going to abandon their equipment. Marshal LaPenna feels they are going out of business, he will look into other paging companies for the department pagers.

Chief Howard will check with the department officers to see who is utilizing the pagers.

### **Bureau Report:**

Month end Bureau report has been submitted.

Marshal LaPenna has received all of the test equipment for the training center. The station plaques are in and will be placed at the appropriate stations.

Strasburg Fire is now using the FireHouse system and paying ADCOM for the use of it.

Last month there were over seven million push to talk hits statewide, the busy signals were less than 1/10th of a percent.

Marshal LaPenna informed the Board all of the new trucks are now in service. TK-28 was taken to Front Range fire, they could not determine the noise in the generator.

The NDT certificates have been received and those trucks are in service.

The MDT's have been installed in all bureau vehicles, the Chief's car and the assistant Chief's car.

All front line engines should have the MDT's installed by the end of the week.

Marshal LaPenna attended the Area Board's meeting today; Tri-County Health recommends all emergency responders should have the H1N1 vaccine. Commerce City City Council has four seats up for election in November. Commerce City Police have been using the old Adams City High School for training, they have offered it to the department for training also. The department should let Marshal LaPenna know if they want to use it and he will contact the facilities manger.

Marshal LaPenna informed the Board, South Adams County Water Department has been reviewing their annual revenues throughout the District. They went back three years to see how much water the non-profits have been using. These non-profit organizations include the fire department, school district and churches.

They reported over a three year period they have lost over one million dollars in revenue. The fee for the District would probably be around \$28,000 per year, this is for the metered water.

This will be a water District Board action, and they will inform the District of their decision. Mr. Harpin would like a date set to when the testing equipment for the training tower will be completed.

Marshal LaPenna will have a power point presentation put together for the training. Mr. Koger would like the training completed by November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Maintenance Report:**

Submitted with the packets.

Marshal LaPenna informed the Board, all of the radios have been programmed for the new trucks, all sprinkler systems have been shut down, the light at Stat. #1 has been repaired, the pump tests have been completed.

Gary Hitner would like to purchase the lathe at Stat. #1 for \$500. After some discussion the Board agreed to let Gary purchase the lathe.

**Chief's Report:**

Chief Howard informed the Board he has the H1N1 vaccinations set up for Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> after the meeting at Stat. #1.

The 2009 rookies have finished FF1 class and will be getting trained on the trucks.

The department has about 50 applications to look at for new rookies, he would like to bring on at least 40 and hopefully 25 will stay. He has requested twenty-five sets of bunker gear for them.

Chief Howard would like to change the station manning for out of District firemen. He would like them to be able to man a station during the daytime, not just at night.

Darren Friess inquired about C-212's fuel and gas mileage usage. Discussion followed, Ken Koger suggested this was a dead issue and should not be discussed again.

Mr. Harpin inquired about the department's response plan. Chief Howard is continually working on a plan

to increase the response on calls. He is increasing the number of volunteers and maybe instituting shift work at the stations.

Mr. Koger suggested the offices start answering more calls and the rest of the department will follow.

**District Development:**

Marshal LaPenna informed the Board when 90 days are up and none of the sub-contractors have filed claims, the District will pay the balance for Stat. #8 to White Construction.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Koger made a motion pursuant to CRS24-6-402(4)(b) and (e) to receive advice from legal council to determine the District's position on matters that may be subject to negotiations regarding the interpretation of the 2000 IGA with Brighton Fire District.

THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:37 P.M.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the September 15th , 2009 meeting as presented.

RESOLVED: To approve the Treasurer's report for September, 2009

RESOLVED: To approve the bills for September, 2009 totaling \$419,097.86.

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President	Ken Koger	10/20/09
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Vice President	Rocky Teter	10/20/09
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