

CARBONDALE & RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARBONDALE FIRE HEADQUARTERS

AUGUST 12, 2009

The Board of Directors of the Carbondale & Rural Fire Protection District met for their regular meeting on July 8, 2009 at the Carbondale Fire Headquarters/Training Building.

Vice-President Mike Kennedy called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. Directors present were Louis Eller and Rob Goodwin. Also present were Ron Leach, Jenny Cutright, Carl Smith, Bill Gavette, Eric Gross and Michael Carter. President Gene Schilling was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda were: Approve Minutes of the July 8, 2009 regular meeting, Approve Current Bills & Balances and Approve Ambulance Collections.

MOTION: made to approve the consent agenda as noted. It carried and passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Ambulance Donation Michael Carter said he expects to obtain the paperwork he needs from the Mexican government in the next few days. Ron Leach said the ambulance should be ready to be donated soon. Michael Carter added that the ambulance will leave for Mexico in early September. He also thanked the Board of Directors again for the donation.

Wildland Fires Carl Smith said that there have not been any wildland fires in the District recently, but there have been a number of very serious ambulance calls.

County Road 100 Fire Trial Ron Leach said that the trial has begun. He said he has already testified and Matt Olive testified this morning. He also thanked Louis Eller and Vern Holmes for coming to the trial on the day he testified. He added that the trial is a precedent setting trial and he plans to attend the entire trial.

Ron Leach said that the local newspaper reported that he was questioned about why he did not investigate the fire. Eric Gross said that there is a section in the state statutes that says 'fires which cause damage to property must be investigated by the Fire Chief or the Fire Chief shall cause the fire to be investigated'. Ron Leach said that the Garfield County Sheriff's office investigated the fire. Eric Gross added that the law also requires the investigator to make a determination of whether the fire may have been caused by carelessness or design. Further discussion regarding the statutes and building inspections followed. Louis Eller said he would like to discuss the state statutes further at the next Board of Directors retreat.

Operations Ron Leach said that he has been working with the operations personnel recently, especially with all of the serious calls that have been happening. He said that there are seriously injured people who are getting transported to the hospital with appropriate level of care. He said that lives are being saved. He added that the Emergency Room is happy with our treatment and he is very impressed with the operations personnel.

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Open Burning Ron Leach said there have been about 400 open burns for 2009. He noted that the 400 are the people who have called to advise they are burning.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2010 Budget Ron Leach said that there is not a draft budget for this meeting since he has not received any assessed valuations from the County Assessors yet. He said that he is anticipating that revenues will increase 20%-25%, then in two years, he anticipates the revenues will drop 10%. Ron Leach said that he is using conservative figures to plan the 2010 budget. He said that over the next 4 years, he is predicting a no growth budget. He added that revenues will look really good in 2010, but to keep in mind the reduction that is coming.

Ron Leach said the budget is about two-thirds personnel costs and one-third for everything else. He said that the budget categories that are not personnel need an increase for the 2010 budget. Louis Eller added that personnel have received nice increases over the past few years. Ron Leach noted that there will not be a lot of money in the 2010 budget for new personnel.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2009-004, A Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The Carbondale And Rural Fire Protection District Permitting Retired Firefighters To Return To Active Service While Retaining Retirement Benefits

MOTION: made to approve Resolution 2009-004, A Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The Carbondale And Rural Fire Protection District Permitting Retired Firefighters To Return To Active Service While Retaining Retirement Benefits. It carried and passed unanimously.

MOTION: made to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 6:14 p.m. It carried and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Jenny Cutright, Recording Secretary

Mike Kennedy, Vice-President