

CHRISTOPHER KOILS FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING

8 MAY 2006

Monthly Meeting: Station 51, Christopher Creek, Az

Call to Order 7:02pm

Roll Call: Power Webb, Chairman, present
Cline Preble, Member, present
James Oliver, Clerk/Treasurer, present
Ray Larsen, Chief, Present

Minutes: The minutes of the 10 April, 2006 meeting were approved as read.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurers report for the month of April 2006 was read and approved as read.

Chiefs Report: The Chiefs report was given by Chief Larsen. The items funded through the Highway safety grants have been delivered and training has been conducted in their use.

Correspondence /reports: A letter from Mr. Conover, Diamond Star Board member concerning District mergers is on the agenda for discussion. The Chairman announced that Lorraine Mathews, Administrative Assistant, was leaving the District as of 15 June 2006. The position will be advertised. One resume has already been received. Ms. Mathews has been with the Department for a long time and has been an invaluable member. She will be missed by all the people who know her.

Agenda items:

- Item 1. The time frame for the upcoming elections was read and discussed by Mr. Oliver. There will be two vacancies for this election. Chairman Webb discussed the election packets given out by the County and said that they are available in the Department office.
- Item 2. A letter from Mr. Conover concerning District mergers was received by the Chairman and discussed. Mr. Oliver discussed a conversation that he had with Chief Jacobs of Houston Mesa FD, a merger organizer. Mr. Conover's letter indicated that mergers were going forward, a study committee was being formed, and that CKFD could participate if the Board signed their furnished resolution. Mr. Oliver felt that the letter indicated a take it or leave it position. The Board had declined to sign that resolution at a previous meeting. Mr. Jacobs was asked by Mr. Oliver if some other method of joining the study committee could be used, such as a motion stating the Board was undecided at the present time, but wished to join the study committee. Mr. Oliver brought up the upcoming elections possibly changing the Board decision, or that the District may be forced into merger by other factors. Mr. Jacobs stated that they wanted the resolution signed by all parties before they could be a part of the merger, and that it was meant to ensure all Districts started even. It seemed again to be a kind of take it or leave it requirement. Mr. Jacobs said that the Board as a whole could write a letter to the to be formed study committee and ask to be included without signing the resolution, but he felt we should sign the resolution. After some discussion, the Board declined to take any action at this time.

Mr. Sundra gave his opinions on this issue, indicating that he thought the merger group would be flexible at this time, but that after merger, we would have to play by their rules. Mr. Conover told him in a phone conversation that Tonto Village would probably join the merger. Mrs. Grootegoed indicated that she had heard Tonto Village would not merge. Mrs. Kalmar said that Mr. Conover told her in a phone call that the Firebelles would be unaffected by a merger.

Item 3. Mr. Oliver indicated that the water companies for Christopher Creek and Colcord have been sold. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels of Colcord have formed a LLC, and are the purchasers. The status of the District property on Columbine, and the condition of the pump and water supply was discussed. The history of the property was reviewed. Mr Oliver said he had a conversation with Mr. Daniels, who had said he was familiar with the issue and would work with the District to satisfy the lease requirements and the District and Department needs. Mr. Preble said that Mr. Daniels had indicated much the same to him. Chief Larsen said that the Department was still the owner of the property and should be able to reach an agreement.

Item 4. The proposed SOP on out of District calls was discussed. Mr. Ashby was not present in the audience so the issue was tabled. Mr. Oliver indicated he would not vote for the SOP in its present form. He felt that it left the chain of command issue unresolved, and that the proposed SOP, as written, indicated out of District response was to be the usual procedure, rather than the exception. Chief Larsen said he thought the District should remain closed. Mr. Preble said he didn't like section 3 and the shortage of personnel was a concern on out of District calls. Chairman Webb agreed. Mr. Sundra said that in a volunteer department it was not known who would be responding or who might be in charge, and it was very difficult to write out and dry rules to cover all the circumstances. He indicated several groups the Department works with who might require assistance out of District. He indicated that he felt that the medical personnel wanted to assist people in need all they could.

Item 5. The truck used to haul the grant brush trailer had a transmission failure. Chief Larsen presented options and bids. A motion was made to have a heavy duty transmission, costing approx. \$3000.00 installed. All members voted aye. The benefits to the District by having and using this trailer were discussed.

Topics/future meetings: The subject of out of District response was tabled until the June 2006 meeting. Mr. Oliver indicated that he wanted to discuss the purchase of the exhaust system for station 15 this fiscal year. There were no other items requested to be considered.

Call to the Public: There were no items presented to the Board.

There being no other business, the Chairman made a motion to adjourn and was seconded. The vote was unanimous to adjourn. Adjourned at 7:48 pm

Submitted by: James Oliver, Clerk/ Treasurer

Approved:  _____

dtd 17 Jun, 2006