

CHRISTOPHER KOHL'S FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009  
STATION 51

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm, 14 September, 2009. Pledge of Allegiance.

In Attendance:       Deborah Dawson, Chairman  
                          Margot Holmes, Vice Chairman  
James Oliver, Clerk/Treasurer  
                          Electra VanEckhoutte, Fire Chief  
                          Dionne May, Administrative Assistant  
                          Department members were identified

**Agenda Item 3.**

- A. The Minutes from the 10 August, 2009, Board Meeting was approved unanimously by the Board after a motion by Mr. Oliver and a second by Mrs. Holmes.
  
- B. Chief VanEckhoutte gave the Chief's report and discussed the status of the Department and activities of the members of the Department. Chief VanEckhoutte said there were more than twice as many calls this year as last year. Deployment of the new engine to the waterwheel fire was discussed. Chief VanEckhoutte said that the ISO evaluation went well, and we would get the rating later in the year. Mr. Oliver said that the Chief and the firefighters had done a lot of work, training and preparation for the evaluation and thanked them for their efforts. The recent call involving a vehicle and seven elk was discussed. Mrs. Dawson asked where the proceeds from the waterwheel fire went. Mr. Oliver said they were deposited into the general fund, but he had asked the Chief to keep track of them, and that there was a Budget line item for that sort of income. Funds received could go to the capital fund.
  
- C. The status of the District Bank accounts for August, 2009, was given by Mr. Oliver. Mrs. Holmes made a motion to accept the report, Mr. Oliver seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to accept the report.
  
- D. Correspondence of Interest: Mr. Oliver mentioned the 8% revenue limits per year placed on Fire Districts by a new bill that the Governor has signed, said that the County was unsure how to calculate new construction that was exempted from the bill, and said that he has discussed and begun planning for next year's budget with the Chief. Mr. Oliver said tax bills would be late, and that the District might need the Line of Credit that was on the agenda even though we had carried over a sufficient amount to normally get us through until taxes came in. The status of the Annual Report was discussed by Mr. Oliver, who also said that the Fuels Reduction grant was extended until Sept 2010. Mr. Oliver thanked the Firefighters for their work on their efforts on the modifications to the community room. The cost of the improvements was discussed by the Board and the Chief.

**Agenda Item 4. Information/Discussion/Action** on Board approval of an application for a line of credit through the County with Chase Bank. Mr. Oliver said this was allowed by State Statutes to cover a District until tax proceeds came in, and that the requested form indicated formal Board approval. The status of tax exempt obligations was the primary content of the requested letter. Mr. Oliver said he would normally just sign the letter as Clerk/Treasurer except for the Board approval indicated in the wording of the letter. Use of any credit would have to be approved by the Board. Mrs. Dawson said that she would like for this type of item to be given to all Board members prior to the meeting. Mr. Oliver apologized for not ensuring that the letter had been distributed. Mr. Oliver made a motion to approve the requested Letter of Declaration requested by the County to obtain a line of credit with Chase bank. Mrs. Holmes seconded, the vote to approve the letter was unanimous. Mr. Oliver will sign and have notarized.

**Agenda Item 5. Information/Discussion/Action** on approval of an updated emergency services agreement with Tonto Rim Christian Camp (TRCC). Mr. Oliver said that several years ago that the TRCC had asked for an updated agreement for emergency services, mainly to reflect the new name, The agreement was rewritten, discussed by the Board at the time, and given to the camp. No action was taken. Mr. Oliver gave a copy to Mr. MacInturf of the Camp, along with a requested copy of the present agreement. Mr. MacInturf has signed and returned the updated agreement to the Board. Mr. Oliver said the only changes were to include a medical response in the agreement, update start/stop dates to be general in nature, and the name change. Mrs. Dawson said that this had not been distributed either, and Mr. Oliver said that was his fault. The current fee reduction/fee schedule was discussed by the Board. Mrs. Holmes made a motion to accept the updated emergency services agreement with Tonto Rim Christian Camp. Mr. Oliver seconded, the vote was unanimous to accept the agreement.

**Agenda item 6. Future agenda items.** There were no agenda items for the next meeting at this time.

**Agenda item 7. Call to the public.** Mr. Sundra asked if the new Paramedics had been hired and were on shift. Chief VanEckhoutte said that they were on shift, and described the shift procedures. Mr. Oliver mentioned the hiring policy now in effect. Mrs. Dawson asked Chief VanEckhoutte to discuss the recent Fire School, which she did.

Mr. Oliver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Holmes second, the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Mrs. Dawson adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm, 14 September, 2009

Submitted : 21 September, 2009, by James Oliver

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_, 2009