

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

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

In Attendance: Deborah Dawson, Chairman
 James Oliver, Clerk/Treasurer
 Electra VanEckhoutte, Fire Chief
Absent: Margot Holmes, Vice Chairman

Agenda Item 3.

- A. The Minutes from the 14 December, 2009, Board Meeting was approved unanimously by the Board after a motion by Mr. Oliver and a second by Mrs. Dawson.

- C. The status of the District Bank accounts for November, 2009, was given by Mr. Oliver. Mrs. Dawson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read, Mr. Oliver seconded, and both voted Aye to accept.

- 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 the Department's food drive was a success, with food for 50 boxes being collected, and 44 distributed out to the community. The Chief and Firefighter Nick Fitch completed the Leadership course they had been attending; with the Chief saying that it had been a very productive course. A Toy for Tots drive is ongoing, with good results so far. Chief VanEckhoutte said that the Department has been offered three cabins in Gordon Canyon for training, including live fire training. Board Members and the Chief discussed the issue, including the possibility of other departments taking advantage of the use of the buildings.

- D. Correspondence of Interest: Mr. Oliver thanked all the firefighters for the food drive, and said that Mr. Bownds was very successful in his food and fund raising efforts, and was thanked by Mr. Oliver. Mrs. Dawson commented on the Thank You letters received, and said that no Department funds were spent in this Food Drive. Chief VanEckhoutte affirmed that no Department money was spent.

Agenda item 4. Information/Discussion/Action on current Fuels Reduction Grant (SFA 7004). Mrs. Dawson commented that at the last meeting Mr. Oliver said the Grant was closed, and she wanted a final report on the Grant. Mr. Oliver said the Grant was closed as far as the public receiving money for tree removal, as there was no more money available for that portion. Mr. Oliver presented the current status of money spent and received as of 1 Sept, 2009. The matching labor portion of the Grant has been exceeded; the State is expected to make full payment with the pending check due from the last Quarterly report. and the Department has about \$23,600 for the Grant to expend according to the reports submitted to the State. Mr. Oliver said the trailer activities were the most economical way for the Department to meet its remaining obligation to the Grant. Mr. Oliver commented on the grant operation, saying that there was a more efficient way to submit the matching soft money portion, so that money from the State would continue throughout the life of the Grant, but that he did not realize that until the review of the reports he made for this meeting. Mr. Oliver said that the monies received is the same at the end of the Grant either way. Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Dawson discussed the details of the trailer operation at length. Mrs. Dawson said that the Grant was not closed, and Mr. Oliver said that it was closed to the public, except for the trailer. There was no more money for tree removal available. Mrs. Dawson asked if using only the trailer was allowable, and Mr. Oliver said that the trailer was an allowable expense. Mrs. Dawson asked if the money was in the budget, and Mr. Oliver said that it was not a budget item, and the money would have to be found somewhere in the Budget. Mr. Dawson asked what happened if the Department did not meet the obligations, and Mr. Oliver said that he did not know, but presented several

scenarios. Mrs. Dawson asked if the Trailer was going to continue to operate, and Mr. Oliver said it was, but that some operational details may be affected. Mrs. Dawson asked if any action needed to be made tonight, and Mr. Oliver said that no action was needed. The amount of money spent on tree removal was discussed, with the amount being about \$150-160,000. Mrs. Dawson asked if a further extension was possible, and Mr. Oliver said that was possible. State problems in making payments was discussed. Mr. Oliver said that if the State did not pay, or gave us an IOU, the trailer operations may have to be stopped. The expected check would more then cover the wages for the trailer driver.

Agenda item 5. Future agenda items. Mrs. Dawson mentioned the AFDA meeting in January, and the requirements for posting notice of the meeting. There were no other items mentioned.

Agenda item 6. Call to the public. Mr. Sundra mentioned the Volunteer Pension Board meeting on Saturday, 9 January, 2010, at 1100 hours. Mr. Oliver was asked to attend the meeting as the Board member. Mr. Oliver mentioned the upcoming elections in November, with two Board seats open.

Mr. Oliver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Dawson seconded, the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Mrs. Dawson adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm, 14 December, 2009

Submitted : 21 December, 2009, by James Oliver

Approved: _____ Chairman _____, 2009