

Regular Meeting of the Hygiene Fire Protection District Board of Directors, June 11, 2008 called to order at 7:08pm by President Ken Wood. Bill Nelson, Jim Wall, and Bill Nelson were present. Marlin Godfrey, Keith Parrinello and Scott Keener were visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

## **Old Business**

### **Action Items from prior meetings**

Ken wanted some clarification on the old tanker. That was discussed at the department meeting and it was mentioned to the department members regarding the use of the old tanker.

Ken also wanted some further discussion regarding the five year plan.

Bill Nelson presented a revised version of the lease agreement between HFPD and Cemex. He read it to the Board and will provide Tim with an electronic copy for the permanent record. The agreement was discussed and approved. There were also discussions regarding the controls that Hygiene will have to maintain when other fire departments are allowed to rent or use the facility.

Marlin reported that Brandon has completed the pump tests, but there is still an issue with the pump engine on 2831. Eric will handle that problem. 2802 was pump tested.

Jim Wall has bought all the proper brackets for the flag pole. Hole will be dug by Ray Lamb in the near future.

The flashlights are now in.

The five year plan was discussed at the last firefighter meeting. J.J. reported that there were some suggestions made during and following the meeting. Most of the suggestions were for items such as updated bunker gear and smaller items, but a new Class A pumper and rescue vehicle were discussed as well. He is planning to put a group together to go over all the suggestions and then present them to the board. Tim mentioned that no matter which way we go with the medical, we are covered by our insurance. Under the provisions of State law, an emergency response organization is not liable the same way as a professional ambulance service such as Pridemark or AMR. J.J. discussed the Pridemark situation with the Boulder Sheriff and was told that we should try and stick it out until Pridemark's contract expires the end of 2008. There have been a number of problems with Pridemark recently, according to the Sheriff. J.J. has been working with Longmont and with AMR on the possibility of using AMR exclusively in our district. So far, the city is willing to send us a bus whenever we need one, but they aren't in a position to do a contract with us at this time.

## **Committee Reports**

### **New Business**

#### **a. Correspondence for the board**

Ken reported that he has received a mailing from the Department of Local Affairs, called the Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Program. It appears aimed at all local governments, and deals with grants and the process for applications. We're not really clear on what it means, unless it pertains to the impact on people from mining or other energy related business. It may

mean that it provides grant money for us if we need to purchase a piece of specialty equipment that might be needed to perform a particular duty at Cemex.

Jim Wall reported that our exemption from audit request for year ending 2007 has been approved.

**b. Firefighter Ratings (applications for new members)**

Ryan Cunningham, board rated 2.

**c. Other New Business**

Tim mentioned that the fire department internet is not working. The wireless router communicates with computers just fine, but there is no connection to the internet. Ken will review the old Greenspeed agreement and see what it says, then call Mesa Networks (the company that bought Greenspeed) and find out why the internet doesn't work.

**Officer's Reports**

**President** – Ken reported that he took some time to look at a report from the Federal Fire regarding the rural fire service. Two items came to his attention. One, there are no fire codes in 39% of the rural areas, but drops to 6% for communities over 10,000. This is a negative. Also, the document noticed that plan reviews are not conducted in 80% of the small rural fire districts. This number falls to 15% for larger communities. Discussion ensued regarding the good and bad aspects of a fire code. Discussions were also held regarding the amendments for the code should we adopt. We also need to be sensitive to the issues of the district constituents.

Ken also mentioned that we have had some concerns, even within the Board, as to how the code enforcements would be applied. He re-affirmed that we should enforce and interpret the code, but not go beyond the limitations provided by the amendments. Also, he would not like to see us make new rules as we go along just because we find something we may not agree with. We, as a district, cannot go beyond what the interpretations of the code as it is written. After much discussion, it was the general consensus of the board that we should adopt a fire code. Some of the board members think we should adopt the 2006 code while others think we should adopt the 1997 code. Ken mentioned that most of the local districts are using the 1997 code while only a couple are using the 2006 code. Mountain View has just recently decided to adopt the 2006 code, so if we choose the 1997 code, and that could work against us. There were also questions about who would inspect a dwelling or addition if we didn't use Chief Nyquist from Left Hand Fire or didn't do it ourselves. Would the County's building department do the inspections? Will the County come to us and tell us we have to adopt a code and perform the inspections? Chief Nyquist has expressed that he probably won't do any more inspections for us in the future because we have no fire code. Ken said that he would be happy to call Jeff Dwight and discuss our questions regarding the different codes. It looks like the Board, at some point, should prepare a letter, stating the code we intend to adopt, along with the amendments we intend to attach.

**Secretary -**

**Treasurer - Absent**

**I. Bills Paid**

**II. New Bills**

- a. **Fire Chief** – J.J. said that the lease agreement with Cemex will be heading for approval. As mentioned previously, the operations manual will be used for HVFD and other departments using the facility. Ken will review and make sure it is re-formatted prior to use by either us or other departments. When other districts use our facility, they will have to adhere to our manual and provide us with a liability waiver and proof of insurance. Bill Nelson read the lease agreement, and presented it to the Board for approval. It was moved and seconded that we accept the lease agreement. The Board affirmed and Bill will process the copies as required.

Regarding the continuing education we have been receiving through Pridemark, he says there is enough money in the medical budget to pay someone else to come and do the Monday night trainings. Pridemark has been very difficult to deal with and we need alternatives.

We received a check off form for the new live fire training center. It should arrive in late July or August. The site preparation will be done and we may need some concrete and/or gravel work. We will also have to pay someone to set the building on the caissons when it arrives.

**Review of Meeting – No new items**

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm