

Regular Meeting of the Hygiene Fire Protection District Board of Directors, called to order at 7:05pm by Jim Wall.

Bill Nelson, Mel Stone, Jim Wall and Tim Cunningham were present. Ron Tribbett of Tribbett insurance, Bill Eliason, Scott Keener and Chief J.J. Hoffman were visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

## **Old Business**

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

Jim mentioned that the internet is working again. We don't think we'll be billed. Jim discussed cable tv with Comcast and they will put it in for free. Bill reported that he has not received the paperwork from Ken for the license agreement. All trucks now have new maps in the trucks. Chief Hoffman talked to the wife of one of the department members about the mapping but it is beyond her expertise. The City of Longmont wants a map from us for use in mutual aid, but we're not sure what they want. The maps should contain, at least, power line and hydrant locations. Jim talked to the city map people and found that they could put in the streets, but not the hydrants. Bill Eliason knows a guy who does that sort of thing, so Bill Nelson moved that we see if we can hire him. Tim seconded and the board approved. Much discussion was held because Longmont and Mountain View both want maps from us. Tim reported that he can't do the GPS for less than \$300. The board approved a total of \$1,200 for the 4 units.

Bill called Jay Cope and was told that he thought the district would cover the expenses. Bill told him no.

## **Committee Reports**

### **New Business**

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

None

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

None

#### **c. Other New Business**

Ron Tribbett presented the insurance renewal for the district property and equipment. The board discussed adding EPL (employment practices liability) coverage. After discussion, Bill Nelson moved to add the coverage to our existing policy. Jim Wall seconded and the board approved. This will add a little less than \$400 to our annual premium but was felt by all that it is a valuable coverage. Ron will add it in at our effective renewal date of 8/1/08. Discussions were also held regarding actual cash value versus replacement value. We will be using replacement value from now on for most of our equipment. The older equipment will be valued using a declared value.

Bill wondered what the coverage we will have if other departments use the new live fire training center. Tim said that since each department will have to name Cemex and HFPD as additional

insureds. J.J. also asked who will cover damage to the building while in use. If Hygiene is using the building, our insurance will cover damage. If any other entity is using it, their insurance will cover the damage.

Bill reported that he and J.J. have called to get pricing to get a dumpster and a porta-john for the new burn building. They are still working on it and will let the board know. Bill will also provide some picnic tables at the site.

Bill said that he has found someone who can train the department on extrication in the newer cars.

Bill mentioned that after the last couple of meetings, a board member needs to talk to the department regarding the way qualified new applicants are being rejected from membership. We have had many new applicants that have not been accepted, but there has been no good reason for the non-acceptance. Bill Eliason suggested that we, as a District, are opening ourselves to a lawsuit if these qualified applicants are continually rejected. Much discussion was held regarding the subject. A suggestion was made that Ken Wood speak to the department at the next meeting and tell the membership that we are subjecting ourselves to a lawsuit if qualified applicants continue to be rejected. In any case, we will call Greg White to get his input on how we should form a hiring committee. Tim will call Greg White and discuss the options. Tim will also talk to Ken about coming to the August meeting.

Stoney said that he doesn't feel that we should take both of our new tankers to an out-of-district fire. Bill Nelson told the board that the situation has already been discussed and a new protocol is in place.

Jim reported that some of the district's money has been moved so that there is no one account or any one bank that has more than the Federally insured \$100,000.

Scott Keener asked the board if they would be interested in donating a SCBA to the RIT team. Chief Hoffman said he would earmark one of the donated units for the RIT team.

## **Officer's Reports**

**President** – None

**Secretary** - None

**Treasurer** -

### **I. Bills Paid**

Bill Nelson, Sam's Club supplies, \$162.44; Scott Whitehead, rope for boat, \$43.16; Sam's Club, membership, \$35.00; El Dorado Springs water, \$156.92; Hygiene Fire Department, Debit card beginning balance, \$1,000; Marlin Godfrey, radio batteries, \$44.99; Excel Energy, Natural gas, \$22.35; SSI Equipment, foam, \$2,880.97; Boundtreee Medical, medical supplies, \$135.80; Qwest, phone, \$32.44; City of Longmont, electric and water, \$71.06; Country Corner, fuel, \$306.17; Wagner Welding, oxygen, \$10.30; Eric Rypkowski, tire for 2830, \$225.21; Crowfoot Tribbett Insurance, insurance, \$1,242.77; Complete Wireless, new pagers, \$4,841.

### **II. New Bills**

**None**

**a. Fire Chief** –

Chief Hoffman reported that the burn building should be here around the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. The last of the concrete was poured yesterday. Cemex will offload it for us with their crane. There are forms on the counter that each firefighter must sign. If other districts use the building, they will have to sign it as well. There will be a select few keys distributed to the lock. We are trying to get a small office donated so we can use it as a rehab and training building. There was also talk about getting a small shed for storage. He has spoken with Cemex about the structures and they are okay with it.

There are donated SBA equipment on the table in the old firehouse. They were donated by Littleton Fire and are still in good working order. All have been tested.

J.J. reported that we will come in at or under budget for the live fire training center.

J.J. submitted bills for the concrete, fill, and landscape work and the board approved them for payment.

Chief Hoffman also reported that he and Bill Eliason have been accepted once again for the National Fire Academy. He is asking the district if they will once again pay for the hotel and food as all other expenses are paid by FEMA

#### **Review of Meeting – No new items**

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.