

Southern Stone County Fire Protection District
Regular Session
January 25, 2011

Call to Order: Jennifer Henderson called this Regular Session to order at 7:01 p.m. for the Board of Directors for Southern Stone County Fire Protection District in the board room for district headquarters, located at 10965 E. State Highway 76, Branson West, Missouri.

Attendance: Jennifer Henderson, Jerry Hageman, John Battistoni, Ryan Martin, Keith Wolven, Carl Veneziano, Connie Veneziano, Paul Nordin, Terry Plumb, Robert Brown, Jesse Compton, Jo Winther, Jay Kelbaugh, Erica Sanguinetti, Terri Amos, David Amos, Brad Harrison, Jeff Bowman, Dave Gyger.

Minutes: The minutes were approved.

Motion(Minutes): Motion by John Battistoni to approve the minutes for the Special Session 12/9/2010, Closed Session, 12/9/2010, Regular Session, 12/16/2010, Closed Session 12/6/2010, Special Session, 12/21/2010, Closed Session 12/21/2010, Special Session 1/6/2011 and Closed Session 1/6/2011. Second by Ryan Martin. Vote: Ryan Martin, aye. John Battistoni, aye. Jerry Hageman, aye. Jennifer Henderson abstained due to her not being in attendance for the 12/21/2010 meeting and the way the motion was made. Motion passed.

Bills: A motion was made to approve the bills for payment.

Motion(Bills): Motion by John Battistoni to accept the bills for approval to include the two bills, one to the Boy Scouts of America for \$190.00, and the workers comp bill to Travelers for \$27,514.00. Second by Jerry Hageman.

Ryan Martin questioned the Smith Two-Way bill and asked if contact has been made with 911 about being ready to take this over. Chief Wolven indicated the director for 911 has not returned his calls. He informed the Board that on this tower we put up the coax antenna that was used, which is the same antenna as was there in the past so that takes that out of the possibility of a backup for an immediate situation. In order to use that repeater somebody will have to go to the repeater, unplug from the new repeater and plug into the old repeater. It appears that there would be software that would need to be changed as well. Keith Wolven is to continue to research this dilemma Vote: Unanimous.

Floor Comments: None.

Honor Guard: Paul Nordin gave a history of the honor guard since its inception and Jennifer Henderson stated one of the reasons this was placed on the agenda was to move them away from fund raising, put them in the budget as a line item so that their costs will be covered. Her recommendation is \$10,000.00 to cover their necessary expenses. Discussion followed regarding gaining a better grip on a 501C-3. It was pointed out that the district has never turned down a request for a need when made. If monies exist it is up to the Chief to make that determination. Chief Wolven was asked to get the Auxiliary and get a copy of their articles, provide this to the CPA and prepare a summary on it. The Honor Guard is to get a prioritized list of needs to the Chief.

Chief Contract: Ryan Martin has been in touch with the attorney regarding a contract or no contract. He feels that in view of a new chief to come on board soon and it could be someone who has to relocate their family from another state and this will show good faith. The suggestion came from Ryan Martin that maybe a motion to that effect would be appropriate.

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Before a second could be made John Battistoni withdrew this motion in favor of another.

Motion(Contract #2): Motion by John Battistoni made the motion that we have our attorney initiate a contract for 3- years, renewal on an annual basis with the board.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion(Contract #3): Motion by Ryan Martin that we authorize our attorney to create a draft of an employment contract for our fire chief position to have it prepared by the end of first week in February (2011). Second by John Battistoni. Vote: Unanimous.

Background Check: Jennifer Henderson made the suggestion that this item be tabled as she would like the new chief to be apart of this and asked for a motion to that effect.

Motion(Background): Motion by Ryan Martin to table the Criminal Background Policy until such time we have our chief on board. Second by John Battistoni. Vote: Unanimous.

Fire Boat: Chief Wolven is concerned about boat 7 and feels we should have another boat as soon as possible and would like to go out for bid. The Board approved going out for bid.

Office Assistant: This item was tabled.

Motion(Off.Assist): Motion by Ryan Martin to table the office assistant position until such time as we have a chief on staff to be involved with that process. Second by Jerry Hageman. Vote: Unanimous.

Copy Machine: Two quotes were obtained. One from Pearson-Kelly and one from Copy Products, Inc. Copy Products came in much lower. After discussion a motion was made.

Motion(Copy Mach): Motion by Ryan Martin that we take the chief's recommendation and enter into an agreement with Copy Products, Inc, once the attorney has the opportunity to review the agreement and he's comfortable with it; let's go ahead and enter into a 36 month contract. Second by John Battistoni. Vote: Unanimous.

Safety Review: Discussion was on using the safety committee for more than auto accidents. Dave Gyger indicated that our injury report contains a section like what could have been done to prevent injury from happening. The committee, along with Dave and Rick will look at the options on how we can develop something to learn from the incidents in hopes of reducing the chances of things happening also taking what's happened and incorporate it into a training session.

Board Comments: Jennifer Henderson brought everyone up to date on the fire chief. The process has gone far better than she could have anticipated. The board has met with the top five in an assessment center environment, which is where each candidate enters into an exercise in a group setting where they interact while the board observed their character and problem solving. From those five it was narrowed down to two. There will a time for the candidates to ask questions from the board, shortly after that the board will have a decision to make as to who will be the new chief and hopefully have him on board no later than April first.

Ryan Martin was pleased with the work done by the consulting firm and excited to move forward.

Plans for a tour of the stations and the area will be done by the volunteers with Carl Veneziano being singled out as one guide and Chief Wolven will select the other. There will be an open house where the public and volunteers will have opportunity to meet the two top candidates.

Chief's Report:

The MSA Thermal Imaging camera at Station 6 has been repaired and is back in service.

The new truck for the Fire Marshal is in service.

The 10 sets of gear from Alex Air Apparatus has arrived and distributed.

The district received a check from Silver Dollar City / Herschend Family Entertainment in the amount of \$5,000.00 as a donation.

At the request of the Branson Dialysis Center, a list of District volunteers has been established for the transport of dialysis patients to treatment in the event of inclement weather.

Upcoming Events: January 29th Southern Stone County Fire Protection District will be providing coverage for Western Taney County Fire Protection District during their banquet at the Chateau on the Lake. We will have units at their stations one and seven.

Membership: Ashley Stults, Explorer at Station 8, Justin Christensen, Explorer at Station 2.

Motion(New Mem.)

Motion by Ryan Martin to accept Ashley Stults, Explorer at Station 8 and Justin Christensen, Explorer at Station 2, as recommended by the chief. Second by Jerry Hageman. Vote: Unanimous.

Resigning member: David Phalen.

Motion(Resign):

Motion by Ryan Martin to accept the resignation of David Phalen. Second by Jerry Hageman. Vote: Unanimous.

Fire Marshal:

According to the Fire Marshal's Report that we have three people in jail for arson fires and follow up on other fires that might end up with three to four individuals as well. Jerry Hageman asked if

David Gyger was involved in that, which he had and commented that the class he just completed paid off right away.

Next Meeting: Special Session, February 4, 2011 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Special Session, February 5, 2011 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Regular Session, February 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion(Closed): Motion by John Battistoni to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021, subsections three (3) and thirteen (13), to discuss personnel. Second by Jerry Hageman. Vote: Unanimous.

At 9:22 p.m. the board returned from closed session and a motion was made.

Motion(Return): Motion by Ryan Martin to return to open session. Jerry Hageman second. Vote: Unanimous.

No motions or resolutions made.

Motion(Adjourn): Motion by Ryan Martin to adjourn. Second by Jerry Hageman. Vote: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Battistoni, Secretary-Treasurer

MOTIONS

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Prepared by:

Approved by:

John Battistoni, Secretary-Treasurer

Jennifer Henderson, President

Jerry Hageman, Vice President

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John Battistoni, Secretary-Treasurer

Ryan Martin, Member at Large

Approved: _____

Absent
Tim Bonner, Member at Large