

# Sublimity Fire District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 12, 2009

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**Meeting called to order:** by Rick Kauffman at 7:00 p.m.

**Members present:** Ralph Fisher, Rick Kauffman, Tom Etzel, Gary Rychard, Jeff Kropf

**Staff present:** Chief Brandon Hamilton, Amy Doran

**Others present:** None

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** None

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Firefighters Association Input:** The breakfast went well this year. There were fewer donations ahead of time than in previous years, but the association still made almost as much money as last year. Also, the association voted to include support members in point pay.

**Reading of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Ralph Fisher moved to approve the minutes for July 8, 2009. Jeff Kropf seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

**Communications:** The district received multiple thank you letters.

**Payment of Bills:** The board reviewed bills and payments for the month of July.

**MOTION:** Gary Rychard moved to pay the bills for July as presented. Tom Etzel seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

**Chief's Report:**

Alarms: Chief Hamilton reviewed alarms for the board. Call volume is still down from last year's totals. He noted there was a three-alarm grass fire Monday on Anderson Road. He commended Karey Hendricks for lighting the back fire to get the fire under control. There was discussion regarding flail chopping. Gary expressed concern about the practice of flail chopping presenting a new hazard and wondered if there was something the board should or could do about it. Ralph and Jeff expressed concerns about administering a program regarding flail chopping. Gary clarified that his concerns were regarding repeat offenders and the dangers they present to our personnel, citizens, etc. The chief said he would check with other districts to see if there were any policies in place. Rick and Gary both felt that it was something to keep an eye on and if it becomes a pattern, then the board should deal with it or at least talk to the offending farmer.

Chief Hamilton showed the board that the number of volunteers responding to calls has increased. The board commended him on the increase.

Gary Rychard asked if the district was operating more closely with Silverton.

Chief Hamilton said that we are trying to, but they drill on a different night. Silverton has a new chief now who is more willing to work closely with other departments, so our relationship with them has improved.

Training Report: Mike Patrick typed up his first official report to the board as training officer. The report detailed how he has been meeting with individuals, discussed goals and laying out a plan for each member to attain those her goals. Gary said that he

would like to see the following in the report: number of personnel, number of hours spent training, number of classes (e.g. 8 personnel working on FFI, 86 hours spent training), and also the approximate amount of time Chief Patrick has put into it. The board agreed that having a training officer was adding value to the organization.

**Old Business:**

Mission, Vision, Values: There was discussion regarding the changes to the Mission, Vision & Values. Gary asked if there were any budgetary issues that would come with the change. Chief Hamilton explained that any budgetary costs would be very minimal. Rick was curious who the authors of the revised version were. The chief explained that he came up with proposed changes, and then the association went through the document and made revisions line by line. It was a unanimous buy in by everyone present at the association meeting. The board liked the changes. The board members also commented that they were very happy with the direction in which the department is heading.

**MOTION:** Gary Rychard moved to approve changes to the Mission, Vision & Values and the District Motto as presented (with grammatical corrections). Jeff Kropf seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

**New Business:**

5" hose replacement: The chief explained that the district is required to carry 1000 feet of supply lines for engines. The district lost five 100-foot sections of hose failed in hose testing, leaving Engine 50 down to 600 feet of supply line. It will cost approximately \$5000 to replace the failed hose. He recommended purchasing this out of contingency funds. Gary confirmed that the \$5000 expense would be enough to cover the lost hose and provide extra and that the chief would be comfortable with the cushion provided by the purchase. The board requested the chief make a note to add that into next year's budget planning.

**MOTION:** Jeff Kropf moved to transfer money from contingency to Account 1711 (Capitol Outlay: Hose & Appliances) to purchase five sections of five-inch hose. Ralph Fisher seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

The board discussed whether to take the money out of contingency right now or to wait. The board confirmed that the hose will be obtained before ISO arrives for its evaluation in November.

**Good of the Order:**

Staff reminded the board about upcoming district events for the rest of the year and about the Joint Conference in November.

**Adjourn:**

**MOTION:** Gary Rychard moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Kropf seconded. Motion passed; unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted by Amy Doran

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Approved by Rick Kauffman