

**Sublimity Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 13, 2008**

Meeting called to order: by Ralph Fisher at 7:15 p.m.

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

Staff present: Chief Brandon Hamilton, Amy Doran

Others present: Jonathan Cartney, Mike Perkins, Mike Patrick

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Add to new business: SCTC new phone system bid, Intern reimbursement change

Citizen Comments: None

Firefighters Association Input: None

Reading of Minutes:

MOTION: Jeff Kropf moved to approve the minutes for July 9, 2008. Rick Kauffman seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

Communications: The chief showed the board the Workers' Comp Coverage Document from SDAO.

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. Jeff Kropf seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

Chief's Report:

Alarms: Chief Hamilton reviewed alarms for the board. He noted that call volume is up from this time last year, but calls for the month of July are down.

Contract Review: Chief Hamilton explained that to adopt the contract review packet, the board must advertise the meeting ahead of time in a local and statewide paper.

Breakfast re-cap: This was the best ever Cowboy Breakfast, netting a \$3500 profit, with about 940 people served.

Old Business:

Non-disabling claim form:

MOTION: Gary Rychard moved to approve the non-disabling claim form and authorize Brandon Hamilton to sign it. Jeff Kropf seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

R-52: The district received one bid on R-52; the bid did not meet the minimum set forth by the board. The district also received a letter of interest. There was discussion regarding the sale price. The board felt that the bid was too low. The board decided to change the price to a minimum of \$70,000 and would offer the rescue at that price to both interested parties. Chief Hamilton noted that the district could enter into an intergovernmental agreement with another district for the sale. The district just needs to be aware of any legal implications in doing so.

MOTION: Gary Rychard moved to reject the bids for R-52. Jeff Kropf seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION: Jeff Kropf moved to authorize the chief to contact both districts that expressed interest and state to them our minimum bid has lowered to \$70,000 with the caveat the rig will remain with us until new rig in service. Rick Kauffman seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

Sandy FD update: They were charged \$9913.56, considerably less than what they could have been charged.

New Business:

Phone system: Chief Hamilton explained the problems that we've been having with the phones. SCTC came out and bid a new phone system. The entire thing would be covered by patronage credits.

MOTION: Jeff Kropf moved to authorize the expenditure of patronage credits for a new phone system. Gary Rychard seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous. *Rick Kauffman declared a potential conflict of interest because his wife works for SCTC.*

Intern Reimbursement: Amy presented the board with proposed increases to the intern tuition reimbursement. The amounts haven't changed in more than five years. The program has been cut in half, so interns now have twice the work. They are also required now to take 12 credits. This new increase would help to cover tuition increases.

MOTION: Gary Rychard moved to approve the tuition reimbursement schedule as presented. Jeff Kropf seconded. Motion passed; unanimous.

Good of the Order: Chief Hamilton reminded the board about the joint conference in November.

-Mike Patrick spoke on behalf of the Salem Fire Department and wanted the district to know that Salem's resources are always available.

Adjourn:

MOTION: Gary Rychard moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Kropf seconded. Motion passed; unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Doran

Approved by Ralph Fisher