

**Minutes of the Geary County Rural Fire Board Trustees Meeting
For June 1, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by County Commission Chair Larry Hicks.

Roll call was taken. Districts present: Blakely, Jefferson, Lyon, Milford, Smoky Hill , Fire Chief Garry Berges and Chairman Hicks. District absent: Jackson, and Wingfield. Also present were Assistant Fire Chief Clark and County Extension Agent Chuck Otte.

The April minutes were reviewed. **Oliver Schmutz moved to approve the minutes – the motion was seconded and passed 6 – 0.**

Garry reviewed the year to date 2011 fire runs. So far in 2011 there have been 79 runs, compared to 65 in this same period in 2010.

One of the fire grants for training DVDs was not accepted.

Bids had been received for the Regional Fire Grant. Geary County, Grandview Plaza, Junction City and Milford had gone together on a grant for \$136,000. The bids came in at \$120,000. Everything will be narrow band compliant.

The 2012 Budget for Emergency Management (including Rural Fire) will be presented June 6th.

Geary County Rural Fire is still providing one truck and two personnel for the car races.

Chuck had no report.

Bob had a question about how trucks and personnel were dispatched when a fire call came in. Garry explained the process.

Unfinished Business: Brian presented a demonstration of the Thermal Imaging Camera that was purchased by the Friends foundation and donated to the department. Garry and Chuck briefly discussed the smoke management plan that Geary County had been involved with in April.

New Business: A second drip torch is being acquired for each truck. Weather permitting, county shops will try to haul rock out to the fire stations during June and July.

Truck 116 is out of service due to some electrical charging issues.

The next meeting will be August 3, 2011.

With no further business, Travis moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed 6 – 0. The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Otte
Recording Secretary