

**Minutes of the Geary County Rural Fire Board Trustees Meeting
For October 1, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Fire Board Chairman Larry Hicks.

Roll call was taken. Districts present: Mike Strauss (Blakely), John Poole (Jackson), Bob Forman (Milford), Chris Ross (Smoky Hill), Ron Blomenkamp (Wingfield), Chairman Larry Hicks and Fire Chief Garry Berges. Oliver Schmutz (Lyon) had contacted Garry to let him know he wouldn't be able to be present as his wife was not in good health. District absent: Jefferson. Also present was County Extension Agent Chuck Otte.

Minutes: Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. **John moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed 7 – 0.**

Fire Chief Report: Garry reported that year to date there have been 149 fires in 2014 compared to 112 in 2013. Garry indicated that in the last two months there have been 11 calls including 1 car fire, and 1 tractor and baler fire. Station #7 (McDowell Creek) is up and now waiting on a garage door bid.

Assistant Fire Chief Report: Curt was out monitoring potential severe weather but had left a report for Garry to present. All trucks are up and running. He has been spending time in the back area of Station #1 cleaning and organizing. Some surplus items are going on PurpleWave Auction, some items going back to Kansas Forest Service. A sheet was handed out with October Fire Department Activities (attached). Truck 104, the new Class A pumper, will stay at Station #1 and there will be training on it. Truck 116 will go to Station #3 at Spring Valley Road. Truck #103 will go to Station #8, Milford. There will be training for all three trucks for the volunteers.

County Extension Agent: District elections need to be held between October 1st and November 26th.

Unfinished Business: There was discussion regarding Truck 102 and its needs. John and Mike had some ideas about where to find parts.

There was discussion of the dire need for volunteers In Jackson and Milford Townships. To help in recruiting volunteers there are open houses planned for both stations.

New Business: There was a brief discussion of the early stages of planning for a live burn at Camp Tomah Shinga.

Next meeting will be December 3, 2014.

John moved to adjourn the meetings. The motion was seconded and passed 7 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Chuck Otte, Secretary