

## **Minutes of the Geary County Rural Fire Board Trustees Meeting For June 6, 2012**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by County Commission Chair Florence Whitebread.**

Roll call was taken. Districts present: Oliver Schmutz (Lyon), Bob Forman (Milford), Rick Rook (Smoky Hill), Ron Blomenkamp (Wingfield), Ricky Witt (Jefferson), Fire Chief Garry Berges and Chairman Whitebread. District absent: Jackson and Jefferson. Also present were Assistant Fire Chief Brian Clark, and Firefighter Nate Seward.

Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. **Chairman Whitebread declared the minutes approved as written.**

**Fire Chief Report:** Year to date there has been 102 fires compared to 79 in the same period in 2011. The V.F.A. Grant from Kansas Forestry was approved in the amount of \$1,820.00, half being local match. This will be for the purchase and install of spray nozzles for 2 additional fire units.

Over 40 sets of slightly used fire gear had been received from Ft. Riley Fire Department thru Kansas Forestry. A sample set was shown to those present.

Building materials for Station #8 are planned to be off loaded next Friday (June 15). County Public Works will provide the off load equipment. It will be stored for now at the Transfer Station.

**Assistant Fire Chief Report:** Brian reported that a second trailer had been purchased for the second Gator. TK 114 will be receiving new tires (military off road style) on Thursday. TK 115 has a water leak at one of the seams on the stainless steel tank. It will be repaired on Thursday. TK 112 received a new transmission. The 5 ton to replace the McDowell truck (TK 107) has the prep work about done so it can be prime coated.

**County Extension Agent:** Not present- no written report.

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business: Non-Permitted Burn- letter from County Attorney.** – Each rep had received by mail prior to the meeting, the letter from County Attorney Opat concerning the Court Appeal that affects our Burn Resolution. Discussion ensued. It looks as though a Class C misdemeanor is probably what we are looking at adding to the Resolution in place of the current restitution. Questions about if it had to go to the vote of the citizens was brought up. Garry will look at the 19-101 Statue and will then contact Opat.

**Proposed Budget:** Garry presented the proposed budget (made part of this report) and went over the different categories. He advised that we are limited to a 5 mill cap on the budget and after meeting with Calvin Pottberg, this should be under the 5 mill cap. The major increase is for ½ replacement of the Director/Fire Chief's vehicle. It is planned to still put \$35,000.00 into the Fire Reserve Fund as we attempt to replace the older fire units. There was no opposition voiced on the proposed budget.

There was no other new business.

The next meeting will be on August 1, 2012.

**With no further business, Chairman Whitebread adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.**