

**Minutes of the Geary County Rural Fire Board Trustees Meeting  
For August 7, 2013**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by County Commission Chair Ben Bennett.**

Roll call was taken. Districts present: Mike Strauss (Blakely), Richard Witt (Jefferson), Oliver Schmutz (Lyon), Brian Clark (Milford), Chris Ross (Smoky Hill), Fire Chief Garry Berges, and Chairman Bennett. Districts absent: Jackson and Wingfield, John Poole (Jackson) had reported that he had a conflict and would not be at the meeting. Also present was County Extension Agent Chuck Otte.

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

**Fire Chief Report:** Garry reviewed the fire runs for 2013. Year to date there have been 93 runs compared to 155 at this time in 2012. Geary County had received the VFA (Volunteer Fire Assistance) grant that they had applied for. The chain saws, cases and extra equipment were being purchased. This is a 50:50 match grant and Geary County's share will be \$1,155.

Garry discussed the recent passing of former Geary County Sheriff Bill Deppish. The Friends of Geary County Rural Fire Department was listed as one of the memorials and had received several donations in Bill's memory.

Fire Fighter 2 class is winding down and a Fire Fighter 1 Class will be starting in early September.

The final budget figure for the Rural Fire will be 4.86 mills.

Will Spurgeon left the area in late June so Brian is currently doing all the vehicle maintenance.

**Assistant Fire Chief Report:** Brian reported that new tires had been put on Trucks 106 and 107. These are heavier duty tires and should hold up better. Work is currently underway in the bays where the roof was recently replaced at Fire Station #1. He is currently working to smooth up the floors.

**County Extension Agent:** Reminded the trustees that elections need to be held starting October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

**Announcements:** Next meeting will be October 2, 2013.

**With no further business, Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.**

Chuck Otte, Secretary