

**Minutes of the Geary County Rural Fire Board Trustees Meeting
For June 5, 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), John Poole (Jackson), Oliver Schmutz (Lyon), Bob Forman (Milford), Chris Ross (Smoky Hill), Ron Blomenkamp (Wingfield), Fire Chief Garry Berges, Chairman Bennett and Assistant Fire Chief Brian Clark. Districts absent: Jefferson. Also present was County Extension Agent Chuck Otte.

Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. **Bob moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed 8 – 0.**

Fire Chief Report: Garry reviewed the fire runs for 2013. Year to date there have been 65 runs compared to 100 at this time in 2012. Garry passed around a thank you card from the campers at Milford State Park who had been “rescued” following a recent wind storm. It included a \$100 donation. The Fire Fighter 1 class is continuing. The next session will be on interior fire training. There will be upcoming training on exterior fire situations – four different scenarios.

County Extension Agent: No report.

Unfinished Business: Old Fire Station #9 (Miller Trailer Ct) has been cleared and is finished. The issue across the road from Station #8 with proposed housing development has been resolved to all parties’ satisfaction and is going forward for development. The possible development at Acorn’s Resort is still in early planning stages and no real changes. Changes in regulations now require all new developments on state and federal properties to meet state and local codes and zoning.

New Business: Garry presented the proposed 2014 Budget (attached). By law the mill levy for the Rural Fire District must be 5 mills or below. The 2013 levy was 4.973 mills. There were no concerns raised regarding the 2014 proposal so it will be forwarded on to the county commission. It was mentioned that everyone needs to be checking their utility bills for their stations to make sure that they aren’t being taxed as the fire district is tax exempt as a unit of government.

Garry reported that Truck #112 is a 1992 model that they are looking to replace from the Reserve Fund. The proposed bid would be for a 1 ton diesel with a flatbed, duals and extended cab. The current thinking is to get an automatic transmission as more and more people are unfamiliar with how to drive a manual transmission. This would be a quick response vehicle. Brian and Will should be able to do all the conversion work. The current #112 would be renumbered and kept in service, but a new first response truck is needed.

Announcements: Next meeting will be August 7, 2013.

With no further business, Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Otte
Recording Secretary

GEARY COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT # 1

Item	Actual 2012	Projected 2013	2014 Budget
Salary			
Fire Chief (1/2 time)		\$31,368.00	\$31,368.00
Asst. Chief (1/2 time)		\$21,798.00	\$21,798.00
Secretary (1/2 time)		\$12,906.00	\$12,906.00
Overtime (Burn Season)		\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Maintenance Man		\$4,800.00	\$5,000.00
Volunteer Re-imburement		\$5,050.00	\$5,500.00
Deputy Pay (training & overtime)		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
subtotal		\$78,922.00	\$82,072.00
Utilities & Insurance			
Electric- Main Station		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Electric- Other Stations		\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Gas- Main Station		\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Gas- Other Stations		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
subtotal		\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Parts & Supplies			
Public Works: fuel charges		\$7,900.00	\$8,100.00
Country Hills- LP Gas		\$6,900.00	\$8,000.00
Dues & Conferences		\$600.00	\$600.00
Office Supplies		\$450.00	\$500.00
Postage		\$450.00	\$500.00
Foam & supplies		\$450.00	\$500.00
Water & Gatorade		\$180.00	\$200.00
Janitorial Supplies		\$200.00	\$200.00
Building Supplies		\$500.00	\$500.00
Pest Control		\$540.00	\$540.00
subtotal		\$18,170.00	\$19,640.00
Contractural			
Vehicle Maint & Repairs		\$14,500.00	\$15,000.00
KA-Comm- radio repairs		\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00
Fire Extinguisher Maint.		\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00
Garage Door Place- maint.		\$500.00	\$500.00
Radio Tower Space		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
subtotal		\$20,600.00	\$21,000.00
Capital Outlay			
Hand Held Radios		\$800.00	\$800.00
New Pagers/Batteries		\$500.00	\$700.00
Fire Equipment (nozzles, hose, etc.)		\$7,500.00	\$8,000.00
Truck Replacement		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Tank & Pump Repairs		\$1,700.00	\$1,800.00
Bunker Gear		\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00
subtotal		\$44,000.00	\$45,300.00
Reimburse Employee Benefits	\$25,117.00	\$27,000.00	\$28,000.00
Put in Fire Reserve Fund		\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Total Budget	\$189,673.00	\$236,192.00	\$243,512.00