

# Sixes Rural Fire Protection District

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## MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING

February 12, 2003, in the High School Library

The Call to Order was by Eric Oberbeck at 7:04 PM. Also, In Attendance were SRFPD Board Members, Ray Johnson, Fred Bitgood, Chuck Gunther and Wayne Moore. Assistant Chief Bill Zimmerman and Captain Howard Walter also attended. Staff present were Budget Officer Ken Brewer, Treasurer Wendell Bird and Secretary Jerri Walter. Under Agenda Changes Ray adds his email correspondence to go over. Eric asks that the board discuss the idea of billing those responsible for fires when they require the services of SRFPD. These items were added to Old Business.

Under Board Business some mail was looked at with no action. Ken Brewer then presented the 2003 Budget calendar and asked that each board member recruit at least one person to serve at the Budget Committee Meeting, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Reports: The Secretary's minutes from the January Meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Wendell Bird's February report was read and the bills were discussed. Ray moved that the bills be paid and the report accepted. The motion was seconded and passed. The General Fund balance was \$12,662.41, the Vehicle Fund balance was \$2308.70 and the Building Fund balance was \$5237.35 Under Grants & Funding Updates Eric read a letter from State Forestry requesting more information on an invoice prior to reimbursement. Eric has already provided that to them. Following some discussion on grants, Eric appoints Ken Brewer as Grant Coordinator. Wendell will continue to seek info on BLM, USDA, & US Dept. of Forestry grants for funding building projects. The amount of the FEMA grant recently awarded to the SRFPD is \$41,792. Eric also announces that he will not seek re-election to his board position in May.

Fire Chief Wayne Moore reported that he plans to purchase some equipment to upgrade the trucks. There was one canceled mutual aid call in the past month. The volunteers now have the medical forms to fill out and Fred says Dr. Pichford will review them. Wayne talked to the folks on Finch Lane about making their road more accessible for the emergency vehicles. They are agreeable to the upgrades but may need help from some of the volunteers to do so. Wayne and Bill recently cleared a tree that was leaning close to the fire hall. A letter signed by property owner, Barbara Richter, giving permission to cut that tree was put in our files. The First Responder Volunteers are encouraged by the medical community (and insurance providers?) to take the Hepatitis B inoculation shots for their own protection. Wayne has begun the series of shots himself. He requests reimbursement for the \$150 shots. It is highly recommended that emergency personnel dealing with accident victims and possible blood borne pathogens have this protection, since Hepatitis B is so prevalent today. Chief Moore also reported that volunteer Brice Wagner would be unable to serve for the time being as his wife, Sharon, is facing surgery and medical treatments. It was suggested the SRFPD send a card. He then spoke about returning the 4x4 pickup to the donating agency. He said a water tender, with a manual transmission, to go up the hills faster, would be good to shop for next. Bill Zimmerman picked up fire hose from Oregon Pacific. There was about 1000 feet of 1 ½ inch, 1000 feet of 2 inch and 300 feet of 1 ½ inch with couplings. Assist. Chief Bill Zimmerman reported on the Fire Chief's & Officer's meeting that he attended in Coos County. He said that pre-existing medical conditions are not covered when a volunteer gets hurt. On Tuesday nights he and the others, that go to the fire hall, go over the equipment and make repairs while Wayne and the new volunteers attend the training in Langlois. There was no Safety Committee Report. Under Public Forum there was some discussion on reimbursing teachers for training the volunteers.

Under Old Business there was some discussion on the airport, foam fire retardant and billing Mast Bros. for services rendered on the fire up the Sixes River. Chuck moved that they be billed (about \$800) with a copy sent to the owner, Wo, in California. The motion is seconded and passed. Eric will write a letter and bill and send it. Ray asked for approval to set up a web site for the SRFPD. Chuck so moved. The motion was seconded and passed. The secretary is to make it known to the district patrons, that they can submit their email addresses to receive an online newsletter periodically from the SRFPD. There was no New Business.

The meeting **Adjourned** at about 8:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by SRFPD Sec. Jerri Walter