

Sixes Rural Fire Protection District

Post Office Box 246 - Sixes, Oregon 97476

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING

April 9, 2003, in the High School Library

The **Call to Order** was by Chairman Eric Oberbeck at 7:03 PM.

In Attendance were SRFPD Board Members, Eric Oberbeck, Ray Johnson, Fred Bitgood, Wayne Moore and Chuck Gunther. Assistant Chief Bill Zimmerman, Captain Howard Walter and Firefighter Don Stuart also attended. Staff present were Budget Officer Ken Brewer, Treasurer Wendell Bird and Secretary Jerri Walter. Mr. James Mast arrived shortly after the meeting began.

Under **Agenda Changes** Wayne asked that Don Stuart be reimbursed for parts he'd purchased in making repairs on Truck #5815, under Board Business. Eric then explained that Mr. Mast would like to address the Board with regard to the \$790 invoice sent to him from the SRFPD. The charges were for SRFPD trucks and men to fight the escaped fire that he had started, November 25th, 2002.

Under **Board Business** it was approved for the treasurer to reimburse Don Stuart for the parts he purchased when making repairs to Truck #5815. Next, Mr. James Mast addressed the Board. He requested that the board rescind the \$790 charges for fighting the fire of November 25th, 2002. He said the fire piles were well burned down when he left them and someone else added limbs to them that caused the fire to get out of control. He said that they had also paid taxes to the SRFP District while they owned the land. He felt he was not negligent in watching the fires and it occurred in November, not during fire season. The board asked a few questions and said they'd discuss the matter further and notify him of their decision by letter. Mr. Mast then left the meeting as he had a long trip home to Yoncalla.

Reports: The **Secretary's** minutes from the March Meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Wendell Bird's April 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 \$9870.30, the Vehicle Fund balance was \$2317.85 and the Building Fund balance was \$5258.11

Grant Coordinator Ken Brewer reported that Wayne could now order equipment and request funds on the FEMA Grant. The equipment would need to be ordered and paid for in 30 days and the bills submitted for reimbursing. Ken also told the board that the grant they'd considered for funding another truck bay at the fire hall will not allow the "foot-print" of the building to change. Some discussion followed.

Fire Chief Wayne Moore reported that the equipment was in good shape excepting Truck #5817 which needed a tune-up. He said there were no emergency calls in the past month. The medical forms have all been filled out and given to Fred to submit to Doctor Pitchford. There have been 6 training sessions this month and the Firefighter 1 Class is about half over now. On the 17th, Don Stuart did the tune-up work on Truck 5817. Another tree blew down behind the fire hall and Wayne cleaned it up.

There was no **Safety Committee Report**, but it was noted that the excess emergency blankets were taken to the High School for storage. Under Public **Forum** no one spoke.

Under **Old Business** Eric said he'd contacted Mr. Griffin at State Aeronautics. Mr. Griffin said they did not have contracts with any of the other 29 fire districts where there are airports and there is no need for one with SRFPD. Next, under Old Business, was the Mast Fire topic. Eric excused himself from the discussion at this point since it was his land that the fire escaped to. The other board members then discussed Mr. Mast's defense offered earlier in the meeting. It was noted that the investigation proved James Mast as the responsible party. Fred moved that Mast should pay the \$790 bill for services as previously determined. Ray seconded the motion and there was little more discussion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Mast was to be notified by mail.

Lastly, under Old Business, Ray said his son would supervise the high school students that take on the project of the web site. And Chuck will be helping Ray with the newsletter.

There was no **New Business** to deal with or agenda additions for the next meeting.

The meeting **Adjourned** at about 8:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by SRFPD Sec. Jerri Walter

