

# Sixes Rural Fire Protection District

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## MINUTES of the Budget Committee Meeting and the REGULAR MEETING May 14th, 2003, in the High School Library

**The Budget Committee Meeting** was **Called to Order** by Chairman Eric Oberbeck at 7:20 PM.

**In Attendance** as Budget Committee Members were Eric Oberbeck, Ray Johnson, Fred Bitgood, Wayne Moore, Bill Zimmerman, Ken Brewer, Wendell Bird and Jerri Walter.

**Budget Officer Ken Brewer** handed out the Budget Message, said it was required by law and asked everyone to read it. The budget forms LB31, LB30, LB20 and LB11 were distributed and discussed page by page. There was some discussion on grants, in-kind services, matching funds and the reserve funds. Ken suggested that the reserve funds should be abolished and a new single reserve fund be set up. Ray moved that the Budget be approved as put forward. Fred seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. That concluded the Budget Committee Meeting.

**At 7:55 PM the Regular Meeting was called to order with the same folks attending.**

Under **Agenda Changes** the Reserve Fund issue was added to Ken Brewer's Report.

Under **Board Business** correspondence was discussed. Eric said he'd fill out and return the Wilson-Heirgood insurance renewal forms. Next, the letter from James Mast's Lawyer, Russell Trump, was read. They allege that the SRFPD Board violated the Oregon Meeting Laws and they asked that the \$970 charged against Mr. Mast be dropped immediately to alleviate a lawsuit against the District. Eric stated that he is also trying to get Mr. Mast to repair his fence (damaged during the same fire) and he'd like to be included in the discussion and decisions made by the board regarding Mr. Mast. Eric said he thought it unfortunate that Mr. Mast is willing to pay a lawyer to keep from paying the SRFPD for their services when his fire got out of control. More discussion followed. Other facts discussed were that Mr. Woo owned the property when the fire occurred; Mr. Mast stated that he didn't want to have to submit the bill to his insurance company; the Oregon Dept. of Forestry found Mr. Mast responsible for the fire getting out of control; and furthermore, they billed him for their services. Fred moved that the Board pursue the charges against Mast, the motion was seconded by Wayne and passed unanimously. Ray suggested SDAO might offer some advice on the matter, Eric said he'd ask Jerry Herbage for advice and Fred and Wayne offered to take the matter to Small Claims Court if necessary.

**Reports:** The **Secretary's** minutes from the April Meeting were read, and corrected to read Truck # 5815 instead of #5817 as having been tuned up by Don Stuart. The minutes were then approved as corrected.

**Treasurer** Wendell Bird's May report was read and the bills were discussed. Fred moved that the bills be paid and the report accepted. The motion was seconded and passed. The General Fund balance was \$9973.82, the Vehicle Fund balance was \$2320.58 and the Building Fund balance was \$5264.28.

**Grant Coordinator Ken Brewer** reported that an audit must be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup>, on the FEMA 02 Grant. Ray said that the State Forestry Grant was submitted and we should know by the June Meeting what has been awarded. Following some discussion on the Reserve Funds, Eric moves that both reserve funds be abolished and a single new Equipment Reserve Fund be set up. The motion is seconded by Ray and passed unanimously. These Resolutions are to be dealt with at the June Meeting.

**Fire Chief Wayne Moore** reported no new purchases in the past month, the equipment is in good shape and there were no emergencies either. Fred reported that the medical reports are still not done and a few of the fire fighters may need follow-up exams. Wayne said most of the new recruits would like the Hepatitis shots. The fire fighter training continues weekly. April 16<sup>th</sup>, there was a get-together at the Port Orford City Hall for the recently deceased, Port Orford Fire Fighter, Jim Garwood, and a procession of Fire Trucks honoring him April 21<sup>st</sup>. Wayne and Jon Jarboe used a fire truck to wash off the High School track May 3<sup>rd</sup>. A new recruit by the name of Mike Sauer attended one of the Langlois Meetings. Wayne concluded with a warning that the rainy spring made for a lot of vegetation growth and that will provide much fuel when it dries out later on in the fire season.

There was no **Safety Committee Report**. Under Public **Forum** no one spoke.

Under **Old Business** Ray said he'd be in Australia vacationing and nothing would be done on the newsletter until his return.

Under **New Business** Eric said he'd compose a reply to Mr. Mast by the June meeting. The next Meeting is to begin with the Budget Hearing, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

The meeting **Adjourned** at about 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by SRFPD Sec. Jerri Walter

