

JOHNSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1  
NEW CENTURY AIRCENTER  
March 11, 2008

Present:	BOARD MEMBERS	STAFF
	Mark Burdolski	
	Kent Harlow	Max Sielert
	Keith Johnson	Dennis McGuire

#### AGENDA

Mark Burdolski called the March 11, 2008, meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the request for approval of the agenda. Kent Harlow moved and Mark Burdolski seconded the agenda be approved. The motion carried.

#### PRESENTATION

Peter Solie, representing the Gardner Chamber of Commerce, invited the District to join the Chamber, indicating the fire District had been a member in the past, and that as a member, anyone from the District is welcome to attend. He cited several upcoming events and explained the dues structure.

#### MINUTES

Keith Johnson moved to approve the February minutes with the date correction. Kent Harlow seconded. The motion carried.

#### FLOOR BUSINESS

None

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Sielert presented the financial report for February stating the bottom line is the District is under budget. He reported no large payments for the first two months. He also indicated there were three payroll periods in the month of February which makes the employee expenses look higher than normal. He reported some vehicle expenses occurred as well. He indicated there will be expenses for roof repair in the immediate future. Keith Johnson moved the financial report be approved as presented. Kent Harlow seconded and the motion carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Chief's Reports

Chief Sielert reported a significant amount of time has been working on the grants for 2008, one of which is for communication equipment. He reported there is a county-wide effort to prepare a regional grant, specifically for mobile radios. We are also investigating revenue sources that can be used for the purchase of radio equipment and find out if we can apply for other communications equipment through those sources. He also stated the district was preparing an application for an

AFG grant for portable radio's as the Regional Grant would be for Mobile Radio's. He added the district was rejected for the 2007 AFG that was for Airpaks and Fit Testing Equipment. He reported that he is still working on the SAFER Grant.

Chief Sielert also reported on his meeting with Steward Fairburn concerning the contract between the district and the city. The City is interested in continuing with the present .5 mills times the 2007 assessed valuation of \$132 million which would be somewhere close to \$66,000. In 2007 it was \$58,000, so this would represent roughly a \$7,000 increase. We currently do not have a contract.

There was a brief discussion concerning the recent article in the Gardner Paper about combining the two cities of Edgerton and Gardner into one. If and when these discussions again occur, it would be important for the District to be included.

For further contract discussion's with the City of Gardner, the board requested the Chief to come up with costs from the past three years of providing the services paid for by contract, the budgeted amounts, and equipment and personnel costs should be considered as well as the number of calls made.

Chief Sielert reported speaking with David Dilner about the City of Edgerton considering allowing the sale of fireworks in the City of Edgerton. The fireworks request came from a vendor and there was a question of why the fire district was not included in the original discussions with the City.

He also reported on KCPL being on the Edgerton side of the boundary line in the agreement that Edgerton and Gardner have developed . The landowners have signed and KCPL has signed, however KCPL wanted to time the annexation with a rate increase and have costs of higher taxes included in there rate increase request.

Chief McGuire reported on repairs to the plymo vent at Sta. 2 with the problem being caused by bad capacitors. He stated that there were also issues with the generator at Edgerton and that an electrical contractor/engineer person has been hired to analyze the problems and make recommendations.

He also has been working with Med-Act on policy changes between the two departments dispatch on matrix changes.

He indicated he is starting to become busy regarding the jail construction project.

He also met with a Johnny Wang from MARC and is working on updates to the ID systems. MARC has received a grant that includes the ID systems for departments and will present them to us.

In July the Commerative Air Force is having an expo at their hangar and they want us to come teach some classes.

He stated the district has been looking to Hutchinson Community College for Firefighter 1 and 2 certification.

Capt.'s Ritter and Morley and he had attended the 400 NIMS class and we are now 100 percent compliant.

He reported on a remodeling project at Station 2.

He also reported four new staff members (volunteers) came on, and that a resident has left after getting a position with a paid department, although he is still a volunteer. The number of personnel on staff is now at 70.

Some controlled burns have been occurring and this is being used as a training issue.

He indicated Embarq has set up a damage assessment team and was looking for some training classes.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The board agreed to table the detachment request until next month.

The April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by consensus.