

**Cornbelt Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 4, 2009
7:00 pm**

President Allen called the meeting of the Cornbelt Fire Protection District Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 pm. Roll Call: Tom Pike, absent due to sickness.

Public Participation: Rob Parker stated he followed up with Larry Sapp on the alternative response vehicle and asked if he would be allowed to ask questions later in the meeting when the subject was addressed. President Allen stated yes that the Board would like to have everyone's questions on that issue answered.

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Ohl moved to approve the minutes as presented of the January 7, 2009 **Trustee** meeting. Mr. Hogan seconded. ROLL CALL: All yes, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Ohl reviewed the treasurer's report. Allen moved to approve treasurer's report. Mr. Hogan seconded. ROLL CALL: All yes motion Passed.

Old Business:

A. Alternative Response Vehicle – Captain Bill Jay gave a synopsis of information the committee had obtained and reviewed. Bill shared frequently asked questions about the vehicle:

1. What is it going to be used for?

Answer: To take the burden off 51 which is expensive to replace and maintain and not always necessary on a medical call.

2. Why this type of vehicle?

Answer: This will fit our needs for many years and the versatility lends itself to future needs. This will be the ALS vehicle. Anytime there is a medical call this vehicle will respond with the paramedic.

Rob Parker asked about the cost. Bill ESTIMATED \$120,000 to \$130,000 and stated that this is ONLY an estimate.

President Allen explained that our present Rescue Vehicle (51) answers about 60 to 70% of the calls and that this vehicle will answer basic medical calls, leaving 51 for the more serious situations. The life of 51 will be extended saving the department money in the long run.

Mr. Parsons stated that out of approximately 568 medical calls last year, approximately 511 were "regular medical" and 57 were "heavy medical" therefore the alternate response vehicle could be used for the "light rescue".

Tom Harpst asked whether the estimated cost includes equipment and supplies. President Allen stated yes.

Tom Hapst asked about liability if the vehicle is used for transporting a patient. President Allen stated that Cornbelt has no plans to get into the ambulance business. If this vehicle is ever used for transport of a patient, it would be a result of a contract or something comparable relieving Cornbelt of any liability.

Tom Harpst stated that he thought this was a good idea.

Dr. Ohl motioned that we ask for bids to see what we are working with. Allen 2nd. Roll Call: All yes. PASSED

B. Heat & Insulation for storage building:

Bids were resubmitted including prevailing wage. There was \$200 difference in the bids. After discussion concerning whether to go with the lowest bid or the bid from a local contractor, Mr. Hogan motioned to award the contract to P & P Service. Mr. Parsons 2nd. Roll Call: All yes. PASSED

C. Update on Airpack Grant:

Lt. Zindars reviewed 5 bids received for the purchase of air packs resulting from the Grant Award from FEMA. The equipment was available for several weeks for firefighters to analyze. It was decided to go with the Scott's bid of \$166,750. This was considered the lowest and best bid. Zindars asked permission to explore additional options of the air packs. President Allen motioned to allow Lt. Zindars to explore additional options not to exceed \$192,766.35 which represents our grant of \$183,587 plus CBFPD's portion of 5% or \$9,179.35. Dr. Ohl 2nd. Roll Call: All yes. PASSED.

President Allen thanked all those involved in the above listed items for their time and efforts on behalf of CBFPD.

NEW BUSINESS - None

CHIEF'S REPORT

- 155 Calls this year.
- Eric and Michelle Bonam have a new baby son – Robert Lewis
- On February 5, 2009 The Chief and 2 Assistant Chiefs will meet with METCAD to get the system facilitated.
- Captain position will be posted soon.
- 5 new members
- Bonnie and Chief working on the budget for March meeting.
- Steve Fitzimmons took some members to the fire school on a recent week-end.
- Several firefighters have put in a lot of extra effort these past few weeks and it is much appreciated.

President Allen motioned to adjourn at 7:32 pm 2nd by Mr. Hogan. All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Pike, Secretary