

**Cornbelt Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 7, 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, all members present.

Public Participation: Jim Jeffers: questioned the appointment of trustees to fill trustee positions created by November 4, 2008 vote to increase number of trustees from 3 to 5. President Allen explained action taken at December meeting.

Doug Turner: questioned meeting format, in particular – public participation – Doug suggests public have an opportunity to have input during the meeting. Why all of a sudden the urgency of METCAD? Have the trustees met and decided to go with METCAD? President Allen explained process leading up to the interest in METCAD peaking now.

Mr. Turner stated that the Trustees went on record as opposing 5 member board then turned around and appointed two former members to fill the interim until the election, why was I (Doug) not contacted. President Allen explained the procedure.

Asked what the cost to the district was for the attorney hired to handle the situation with termination of 3 firefighters in November.

Have changes been made – yes,

Chris Craig: Request to sit down with trustees. He has some questions about when you voted on the “3 Hellcats back here”. “I personally have some questions for the trustees – is there a time when the three of us could meet with you.” President Allen stated that the trustees have been through this process and when asked by Chris if that meant “no”, President Allen replied “yes”.

Joe Johnston: request a petition for trustee.

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Ohl moved to approve the minutes as presented of the December 3, 2008 **Trustee** meeting. Hogan seconded. ROLL CALL: All yes, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Ohl reviewed the treasure's report. Allen moved to approve treasure's report. Pike seconded. ROLL CALL: All yes Motion Passed.

Old Business:

- A. Alternative Response Vehicle – Bill Jay provided a proposal with information gathered by the research committee.
Question: Rob Parker – would the Paramedic go on this vehicle?
Would there be equipment on both vehicles? President Allen stated yes to both.
Doug Turner: Wouldn't the van or one of the two pick-ups serve the Purpose? President Allen reviewed the reasons.
President Allen asked if all Trustees were in agreement to get bids – All agreed. Captain Bill Jay and committee with gather information and put it into a form that we can send out for bids.
- B. Heat and Insulation for Storage Building: President Allen reviewed the Bids for heating the storage building. President Allen motioned to go with Jesse for a Tube Heater at \$3,350. Phil Parsons seconded.
ROLL CALL: All yes Motion Passed.
- C. Update on Air Pack Grant: Jimmy Zindars – has met with 3 vendors Still has one more to meet with. Jim also plans to meet with the firefighters for input.
- D. Plastipak – Eastern Prairie will be the first responder on Plastipak.

New Business:

- A. METCAD: Phil Parsons introduced Rick Kallmayer from METCAD and opened discussion about Cornbelt going with METCAD.
*Facts: METCAD fiscal year = July 1 thru June 30.
Fees are based upon a 3 year average of the last 3 years.
Fee for July 1, 2008 thru June 30 2009 would be based upon 667 calls per year at a cost of \$8,703.
Currently we are paying the required \$3,500 which we would not Pay under this contract therefore the increase would be \$5,203 – billing is quarterly.
There is a one time payment of \$1,500 up front to “buy into METCAD Capital Equipment which total approximately 10 million dollars”*

Fire phones can be retained.

Mr. Kallmayer gave a detailed explanation of procedures and expenses of METCAD. Surcharge and User Fees each Cover about ½ the total annual cost.

Ohl moved we go ahead to start as soon as possible within reason.
Parsons seconded. ROLL CALL: All yes - Approved

Chief Report:

- Chief praised METCAD for work in the past
- CBFPD had 84 calls in December 2008.
- Suggests developing a Freedom of Information form and policy.
- Reorganization of duties and responsibilities of the officers will take place soon.
- Updating committee assignments for all firefighters.
- Truck 51 – light tower is down
- Truck 59 is due for recertification
- Mark Kaiser is stepping down from Captain for medical reasons.
- Pete Farm has verbally resigned.
- We have 4 or 5 persons waiting to become members.

President made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pike – all yes. Adjourned @ 8:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Pike, Secretary