

Cornbelt Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 5, 2010
7:00 pm

President Odle called the May 5, 2010 meeting of the Cornbelt Fire Protection District Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 pm. All trustees were present.

Public Participation: Jim Rolson read and submitted his letter of resignation of officer title. Mr. Rolson was thanked for his service as an officer.

Luke Turner asked why the Firefighters who are working as Paramedics or Police Officer are allowed to sign-in for calls. Mr. Turner thinks that should be reviewed in the policies. Larry Sapp, Director of Arrow Medical Services, stated he would like to be included in the review of this policy. He was assured by Trustee Koller that he would be included.

Doug Turner thanked John Koller and Jim Jeffers for their no vote on the officer appointments. Mr. Turner expressed his opinion that the appointments should have been reviewed in closed session. After further discussion, President Odle stated that there is a policy and the policy was followed. The applicants were interviewed; the committee determined the best candidates; the recommendation was brought to the Board for approval.

2010-2011 Budget: Treasurer Bocox moved the 2010-2011 Budget be adopted. Trustee Pike 2nd. ROLL CALL: All yes.

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Bocox made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2010. After discussion, the Board decided to start posting a “draft” of the most current, unapproved minutes on our website after the monthly meetings. Trustee Jeffers 2nd motion to approve the minutes. ROLL CALL: All yes.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Bocox stated that he does not have a budget report more current than the April 7, 2010 since we have not received the bank statement. List of bills paid in April 2010 is submitted for approval. Trustee Pike motioned to table the May Treasurer report until next month. Trustee Koller 2nd. ROLL CALL: All yes. Treasurer Bocox made a motion to approve the April 2010 List of Bills. Trustee Koller 2nd. ROLL CALL: All yes.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. Larry Sapp, Director of Arrow Medical Services:

Mr. Sapp gave a power point presentation including services available through Arrow and history of paramedic services at Cornbelt.

- CBFPD demand analysis was distributed to Trustees for their review.
- Mr. Sapp praised the collaboration with Cornbelt throughout the years.
- Mr. Sapp pointed out that the presentation is purely to provide information and options for the Board and he is not trying to promote anything.
- President Odle stated we are blessed to have this relationship with Arrow and thanked Mr. Sapp for their continued cooperation with Cornbelt.
- President Odle stated he had asked Larry and talked to the Chief about what the different options are in the future.
- The current agreement we are working under with Arrow expires April 2013.
- After much discussion concerning staffing, Treasurer Bocox agreed to establish a Study Session within the next month to discuss staffing.

B. Petition: Trustee Koller

- Trustee Koller called on Firefighter Eric Bonham to present the petition. Firefighter Bonham read the petition, stated there were 33 signatures, with 11 Firefighters did not sign.
- President Odle asked if the remaining 11 firefighters were asked to sign. Firefighter Bonham said yes he had contacted everyone with the exception of 2 or 3 he could not get in touch with.
- Trustee Koller asked exactly what is being asked. Firefighter Bonham stated that they are asking the Policy Review Committee and the Board of Trustees to review the following:
 1. The Policy Review Committee review the procedure
 2. We be allowed to vote for our officers, specifically Lieutenants, Captains and Assistant Chiefs.
 3. We want to take corrective action on all previous appointments – the whole office rank.
- Trustee Koller started discussion about the timetable. He stated the Policy Review Committee would probably have more than one idea about how to go about this so it is unrealistic to expect a recommendation at the June meeting. More discussion followed concerning criteria. Some issues mentioned were:
 1. Qualifications
 2. Terms
 3. How will election happen?

- Glen Bocox made a motion to receive the petition to send on to the Policy Committee for their study and discussion and if they feel it is appropriate to bring us a recommendation, they will. Trustee Koller 2nd. ROLL CALL: All yes.

Chief's Report:

1. Calls ran to date: 305
2. We have been notified we are not the recipient of either Grant we applied for.
3. Construction of new tanker will start the first of June and be done in September 2010.
4. New Committee Assignments and Officer's Responsibilities have been made.
5. John Harpst is going to Springfield for Firefighter Memorial Ceremony as he has done for many years.
6. The Herbsleb family (2 deaths) asked that donations be made to CBFPD. We should have a total next month.
7. Firefighter II school starts May 10, 2010. There are 23 enrolled with about ½ from Departments other than Cornbelt.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:50 PM by Glen Bocox, seconded by Jim Jeffers. ROLL CALL: All Yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Pike, Secretary

