

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
D. Craig Anderson
Orville Downer
Randall Franke
Gary Tiffin

CHIEF OF AUTHORITY
J. Kevin Henson



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MACLEAY STATION
BROOKS STATION
CLEAR LAKE STATION
LABISH CENTER STATION
COLLEGE STATION
TURNER STATION

**WILLAMETTE VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

May 12, 2011
7605 3rd St SE, Turner
6:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Downer. Other Board members in attendance were Randy Franke and Craig Anderson. Director Gary Tiffin was unavailable and not in attendance. Also present were Chief Henson, AC Robinson, Kris Boyer, Andi Batchelor, Bob Palmer, Scott Seaton, Kathy Puckett, Steve Weltz, Cindy Brammer, Jon Louthan, Joe McNarie, Dave Lawton, Scott Seaton, Joey Weigand, Dave Gullledge, Marc Wiesner, Herb Swett (Keizertimes), and Anna Kraemer (recording secretary).

AGENDA: Strike "Chief Officer Contracts" from Old Business.

MINUTES: Minutes of April 14, 2011 submitted for approval. Motion to approve by Director Anderson. Seconded by Director Franke. Unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: No discussion

AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS, OUTSIDE VISITORS: None

INDIVIDUAL / ORGANIZATIONAL INPUT:

1. TFD Vol. Assoc.: Breakfast is scheduled for June 4th. Bike Rodeo is scheduled for May 21st, and Farm Safety Day is May 25th.
2. MCFD Vol. Assoc.: No report given.
3. Local 2557: President Boyer stated that information and evidence regarding the Chief's motor vehicle accident would be available at the back of the room. President Boyer then asked what had changed following the Board's adopted statement that the District would do "no more and no less" than what is legally required in regard to interactions with the union. He further asked is the incident had been reported to General Motors and inquired about the use of emergency lights on a personal response vehicle.
 - a. Director Downer stated that motor vehicle accident was a closed case. President Boyer stated that the Chief allegedly lying is of concern to the union and pushed for reconsideration of shared costs for a 3rd party investigation.
 - b. Director Franke stated that President Boyer has presented the same information for 2-3 meetings. If there are questions to the Board, they are to be submitted in writing for consideration.

c. Director Anderson stated that the issue is closed

CHIEF'S REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A Social Media Policy was presented for review with proposed adoption in June. This policy refers to process and procedure regarding Authority-owned social media as a government organization. This policy does not affect sited of individuals or limit off-duty conduct but established practices for the Authority-owned media sites.
2. The Chief Evaluation Tool has been under review by committee in an attempt to simplify the document. If approved, each of the ten Board members will be given a copy to fill out and return by May 20th. Director Franke will compile the results in preparation for the June 9th Board meeting. Director Anderson made a motion to adopt the evaluation tool as presented. Seconded by Director Franke. Unanimous.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Dave Gulledge asked what WVFRA is doing to interact with the community.
 - a. Director Anderson state that members of the Board have been meeting with community groups and there will be discussion in a public meeting about the TFD/WVFRA relationship at the Turner Board Meeting next week.
2. Aileen Kaye stated that she is a resident of Turner and has formed a perspective based on newspaper articles that there is not a lot of confidence in the Chief's judgment. She furthered that she is concerned that through agreements, TFD does not have a professional on shift after 7pm.
 - a. Director Anderson clarified for Aileen that the move to a 12-hour ambulance has nothing to do with WVFRA or any agreements made; the decision was based solely on the budget for TFD.
3. Steve Weltz said that the purpose of the Authority was for the two Districts to come together to help with budgetary conditions. Now TFD is down to a 12-hr ambulance and MCFD has added another medic unit.
 - a. Chief Henson clarified for Steve stating that the ambulance changes have no connection to each other. TFD made the decision to provide a 12-hour ambulance due to TFD budget concerns and the lack of nighttime calls in the TFD area to sustain the cost of the medic unit. The only similarity is that M33 and M95 saw changes in delivery in the month of January. M95 staffing has no connection to M33. M31 can cover M95 for evening calls if needed, or TFD may receive coverage from Aumsville, Stayton, Jefferson, or Rural Metro.
 - b. Steve Weltz asked if the QTOD could be expanded to TFD to get that same service. Chief Henson explained that QTOD is already at TFD and has been the same as before.

- c. Director Anderson stated that if WVFRA did not exist, TFD would still be at a 12-hour ambulance due to their budget.
 - d. Aileen Kaye asked if data for TFD nighttime responses was available. Chief Henson stated yes; these are available and have been provided at TFD Board meetings monthly since January. A one-year retrospective analysis was done prior to making this decision. Director Anderson stated that the discussion to scale back ambulance service has been discussed for 4-5 years.
- 4. Director Franke stated that the overall financial outlook for all Districts is not getting better. WVFRA/MCFD/TFD are still looking at options and cuts that are required, however MCFD and TFD are still better off with WVFRA than without. Medicare, PERS, and IRS rules are issues that still remain for all Districts.
 - 5. Bob Palmer asked about a strategic plan for WVFRA. Director Franke stated that the policies to come before the Board in June do include the establishment of a committee to work on planning for the future in regard to relationships, stations, apparatus, and several other areas.

Adjourn: 7:13 pm

Next Meeting: June 9, 2011, 6:30 pm, 300 Cordon Rd NE, Salem

Board President

Board Secretary