

**POLSON RURAL FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES AUGUST 10, 2011**

**Board trustee members present:** Dean Sams, Beth Hoel, Fred Nelson, Steve Stanley.

**Board trustee member absent:** R. Jack Clapp, excused

**Staff:** Fire Chief John E. Fairchild, Board Clerk Bonnie M. Manicke

**Guests:** Residents – Tom Eddy, Roger Rogers, Alan Fillman, Lee Manicke.

**Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m. at Fairgrounds Rural Fire Station No. 4 by Vice-Chair Sams. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Minutes July 13, 2011 Polson Rural Fire District Board Meeting: Motion Trustee Stanley to accept the minutes of July 13, 2011 as presented, second Trustee Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Communications:** None.

**Claims:** Trustee Nelson noted Mahugh Fire & Safety invoice included SCBA tank hydro test in the amount of \$40.00. Fire Chief Fairchild indicated the rural tanks are identified by a serial number. Vice-Chair Sams noted Draggin' Wagon Towing invoice \$450. Fire Chief Fairchild reported Big Arm Tender Engine #326 responded to a fire at Spring Lane. On the return to the station, the engine was moving under its own power with a loud noise. At his discretion, the engine was towed to Duck Pond Enterprises for service. **Motion Trustee Hoel to pay July 2011 claims as submitted, second Trustee Stanley. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Treasury Report for month ending July 2011:**

All funds reflect July revenue posted.

Fund #7245 Operating Fund Balance \$ 29,170.65

Fund #7244 Voted Levy Debt Svc. {Fire Apparatus} \$ 5,697.49

Fund #7246 Capital Improvement Fund Balance \$ 30,020.86

Fund #7243 Voted Levy/Reserve Fund Balance \$ 125,651.65

Total Operating Fund Expenditures \$ 7,007.84

Check numbers 4629-4647 (Note check #4646 -Void-)

(paid August 10, 2011)

Vice-Chair Sams reviewed the additional information contained in the treasury report. 1). Prepay Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority one year water charge at the current monthly charge \$19.50. 2). Allied Waste Services approved a three-month payment cycle. 3). Purchased a new miniature Olympus recorder to provide improved audio. 4). Lake County Treasurer Patti Kugler preliminary analysis for over assessment payback indicates the 2009 payback at \$56,589.36. The 2010 payback was not available; while the December 2010 estimate was \$64,889.70. For clarity, the 2011 Real Property Tax Statement will indicate two line item refunds for tax year 2009 and 2010. **Motion Trustee Stanley to accept treasury report, second Trustee Hoel. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Chief's report:** Fire Chief Fairchild reported 35 runs in July for the department with 23 rural responses including 3 fire calls, 2 mutual aid responses to the Division of Fire on a fire line, 1 vehicle fire, 8 crashes - 6 deer with vehicle, 1 3-car rear ender which was billed, 1 vehicle ran into guard rail, 12 other calls. No volunteer applications. Department assisted Chief Cliff Fire with a couple of accidents out of the Polson District. Engine #328 assisted Lake County Search and Rescue to locate a missing boater out of the Polson District. The Division of Fire requested assistance in the Windy Gap area on two separate

times. Invoices were submitted to the Division of Fire for payment to the district. The Division of Fire replaced a section of fire hose that burned during the fire. The department has been very busy in July and to date August 9<sup>th</sup> 13 runs were recorded. Volunteer Fireman Matt Sisler will arrange for mowing at the Big Arm Station for the remainder of the year at \$40 per time. Volunteer Fireman Drew Hoel will spray the weeds and complete some work on the building this week. Several bags of empty aluminum cans were left on the north side of the station. John requested the cans donated to the Polson Museum if not picked up by Thursday. Mr. Rogers indicated the cans may belong to the Big Arm Association for recycling. Engine #326 repairs include replacing both drums and brake shoes. Excessive heat on the drums and brake shoes is most likely the cause for the repairs. Duck Pond Enterprises did not quote a cost for the repairs. Trustee Nelson requested previous repair invoices researched. An exhaust leak was repaired on Engine #319 at Beacon Tire. The mechanic expressed the repair was a temporary fix, therefore, at the end of the fire season a new exhaust pipe will be installed. Trustee Stanley asked if the boat response was dispatched to Polson Fire District. Fire Chief Fairchild replied the district was requested to assist Lake County Search and Rescue. Trustee Stanley requested the membership consider responding with a Type 6 Engine rather than a Type 1 Engine to calls outside of the district. In the future, the membership plans to utilize a Type 6 Engine for related calls. Mr. Eddy requested information on the amount billed for the vehicle crash. The amount billed was \$378.00.

**Old Business:**

**FY 2011-2012 BUDGET** – Trustee Hoel presented the FY 2011-2012 Polson Rural Fire District budget prepared by Trustees Hoel and Stanley. Trustee Hoel indicated line item increase or decrease adjustments were made to prepare a functional budget. The proposed budget is \$120,600. **Motion Trustee Stanley to accept the FY 2011-2012 Polson Rural Fire District budget in the amount of \$120,600, second Trustee Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.**

**New Business:**

None.

**Public Input on Non Agenda Items:** – Mr. Eddy referred to his comments at the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting and the transcript of the minutes. At the meeting, he made several detailed comments that did not appear in the minutes. He would like his detailed, specific comments to appear in the minutes. Vice Chair Sams replied the minutes are not a transcript. The minutes are an abbreviated version of the proceedings of the meeting. Trustee Hoel indicated Mr. Eddy's comments are on the recording and public knowledge. Mr. Eddy requested the June 8<sup>th</sup> minutes amended to include his detailed comments. He requested the September agenda include his request to amend the June 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. Trustee Hoel indicated the board will consider Mr. Eddy's request for an agenda item. Furthermore, Mr. Eddy expressed the board has not considered his previous agenda requests.

**Motion Trustee Stanley to adjourn, second Trustee Hoel. Polson Rural Fire District meeting adjourned 7:25 p.m.**

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Dean Sams, Vice-Chair

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Beth Hoel, Secretary-Treasurer