

**POLSON RURAL FIRE BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES AUGUST 11, 2010**

Board trustee members present: Fred Nelson, R. Jack Clapp, Beth Hoel, Steve Stanley.  
Board trustee member absent: None (vacant seat)  
Staff: Fire Chief John Fairchild.  
Guest: Dean Sams.

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m. Fairgrounds Fire Station by Chairman Nelson.

Minutes July 14, 2010 Rural Fire Board Meeting: **Motion Trustee Clapp to approve minutes of July 14, 2010, second Trustee Hoel. Motion carried unanimously.**

Communications: None.

Claims: Chairman Nelson reported the claims total \$ 26,910.54. The largest claim is to Fairchild Concrete for front and back concrete aprons per bid \$20,100 and an additional \$3,000 for 10 bollards at the Fairgrounds Station. The project is a great addition to the new station. **Motion Trustee Clapp to approve July, 2010 claims, second Trustee Stanley. Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasury Report for month ending July 2010:

Fund #7243 Voted Levy/Operating Fund Balance	\$ 60,119.12
Fund #7245 Operating Fund Balance	\$ <u>17,285.15</u>
Total Operating Balance:	\$ 77,404.27
Fund #7244 Voted Levy {Fire Apparatus}	\$ 440.06
Fund #7246 Capital Improvement Fund Balance	\$ 87,392.18

Total Operating Fund Expenditures \$ 31,504.60

Check numbers 4308-4330

(paid August 11, 2010)

Note: Additional claim to Lynch Fencing \$1,767 for fence at Fairgrounds Station presented for payment at meeting.

The treasury report ending July 2010 reflects the July revenue and the expenditure to Lynch Fencing. Fire Chief Fairchild questioned the anticipated mill value at \$17,500. Chairman Nelson recognizes property value adjustments could decrease the mill value and suggests the mill projected at \$15,000. Trustee Stanley emphasized fuel purchases need to be spread to all fuel suppliers in the area.

Chief's Report: Fire Chief Fairchild reported 22 runs in July. Five applications to recruit new members were handed out. To date no applications were received. The Fairground Station concrete joints will be sealed along with painting the bollards. Consideration for 54' X 30' asphalt or concrete apron for the Big Arm Station. Trustee Stanley requested three bids quotes for the project. John requested permission to install motion sensor lighting front and back at the Fairgrounds Station. **Motion Trustee Stanley to obtain bid for exterior sensor lighting and interior sensor lighting in the building and bays, and two ceiling fans in the bays, second Trustee Hoel. Motion carried unanimously.** Temp Right will be contacted to vent the building to reduce moisture. Rody Construction will install a garage door receiver at a cost of approximately \$135 to \$150 with expenditure from the building and maintenance budget.

Old Business

**FAIRGROUNDS STATION FILL MATERIAL** - Trustee Stanley reported Lake County leased the bare lot located at 505 Main Street Lot 4, Block 24 Original Addition to the City of Polson for \$1.00 to utilize as a parking lot. Currently the lot is utilized as a staging site by the contractor for the City's "Streetscape Renovation Project". The excess fill from the lot will be hauled to the Fairgrounds Station.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT** – Trustee Clapp reported the committee will meet again August 17. A report will be available at the September 8, 2010 meeting.

New Business:

**APPARATUS POSSIBILITIES** – Fire Chief Fairchild suggested the board consider a type 3 engine with 500 gallon water capacity for quick attack to replace engine 323. He analyzed DNRC equipment to compile specifications which are 550 Ford or Dodge extended cab, 1 ½" hose lay with foam, large cabinets for SCBA's and an aluminum bed at a cost of \$42,000 to \$48,000 for the chassis plus additional fixtures at \$13,000 to \$15,000 for a completed engine at approximately \$70,000. Trustee Stanley prefers a steel box and bed for durability. He suggested John obtain state bid pricing along with keeping the purchase local if at all possible. Chairman Nelson indicated the major purchase should be thought out carefully with adequate time to make a solid decision. John indicated purchase of the engine in the fall would allow the volunteers to move the equipment out of the station and work on the new engine in the bay. Fire Chief Fairchild indicated Irvine Flats Company provides quick response, therefore, plans to house the new engine along with engine 327 at Irvine Flats. Plans are to house Engine 319 at the Fairgrounds Station. Trustee Hoel expressed the plan is a possibility to house the new equipment at Irvine Flats; and what is the anticipated year of purchase. The proposal is for a 2009 or 2010 purchase. Additionally Trustee Stanley suggested bids sought and analyze availability of funds following the wildland fire season. A bay in the Fairgrounds Station should be available to work on the new engine.

**APRECIATION PICNIC SEPTEMBER 23** – Trustee Hoel suggested the Rural Board host an Appreciation Picnic for the volunteers September 23 at Boettcher Park. Catering prices quoted Riccardi's \$10 child and \$14 adult; Papa Don's \$18 per person. She concluded the board purchase the food and host the event. Fire Chief Fairchild expressed the current board has changed the attitude of the volunteers. Chairman Nelson suggested board members cook the hamburgers and purchase salads, etc. **Motion Trustee Stanley rural fire board host an appreciation picnic for the volunteers at a cost \$1,000, or less, second Trustee Clapp. Motion carried unanimously.**

**BIG ARM MEETING ROOM FURNISHINGS** – **Motion Trustee Stanley Fire Chief Fairchild purchase 20 to 25 padded chairs for the Big Arm meeting room, second Trustee Hoel. Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Input on Non Agenda Items: – None.

Motion Trustee Stanley to adjourn, second Trustee Hoel. Motion carried unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned 7:42 p.m.

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Fred J. Nelson, Chairman

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Beth Hoel, Secretary-Treasurer