

CLOQUET AREA FIRE DISTRICT BOARD (CAFD) MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2009

CAFD Station # 1, Cloquet Fire Station 3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Members present: DeCaigny, DeMenge, Harms, Nemmers, Ahlgren
Members absent: None
Staff: Langenbrunner, Meagher, Rautell, Hutchinson, Olson
Others: Fritsinger (Cloquet City Administrator), Vargason (Recorder)

2. Approval of September 9, 2009, Meeting Agenda

MOTION (DeMenge/Harms): To approve the September 9, 2009, meeting agenda. Motion carried.

3. Approval of August 13, 2009, Meeting Minutes

MOTION (Nemmers/Harms): To approve the August 13, 2009, minutes with the following additions. Motion carried.

- A. Remove Nemmers name from Roll Call Staff.
- B. Correct the spelling of Putnam (Hutton) on page 11 of 11, Item 7D.
- C. The date of the November meeting should be November 4, 2009.

4. Closed Meeting

Nemmers proposed moving the Closed Meeting to the end of the meeting. All agreed.

5. Presentation/Visitors

No presentation.

6. Old Business

A. Adoption of 2010 Budget

Passed by board action

B. Adoption of 2010 Property Tax Levy

Passed by board action

C. Fire Relief/Pension Discussion

Langenbrunner reported John Peterson is in the process of gathering information so that we can get a new Relief Association through the district. As to the amount of members necessary to sit on it, John is gathering that information and should have those numbers by the next meeting.

D. EMSRB Letter

Fritsinger reported the letter had been sent to the EMSRB after the last meeting, with copies to Thomson and Fond du Lac and others. This letter stated our interpretation of the state statute is that the primary service areas on the ambulance side will automatically be amended, subject to new members joining the organization. There has been no response to this letter to date. Discussion was held whether to engage these parties in a conversation or to wait until the meetings have been completed with Thomson and Scanlon. The decision was made to give it a month and see what else unfolds and see if some other action is required.

E. Draft Organizational By-laws

Due to complexity DeCaigny could like create a sub-committee to meet and bring forth recommendations for the entire board to move on. Four members had previously been working on the By-laws: DeCaigny, Langenbrunner, Fritsinger, Schroeder. Harms volunteered to be a fifth member of this sub-committee.

7. New Business

A. Approval of Payment of Bills

MOTION (Ahlgren/Demenge): To approve the payment of invoices due on or before September 9, 2009, and listed on the Summary Report dated September 8, 2009, for a total amount of \$ 9,002.85 and the late addition Summary Report dated September 9, 2009, with the total of \$ 3,747.88. Motion carried.

B. Extension of Establishing Residency – Cody DeBondt

Ahlgren recommended the extension of the residency requirements recommended by Lanbenbrunner, all agreed.

C. Update on Thomson Town Board Meeting

DeCaigny, Langenbrunner, and Fristinger made a presentation to the Thomson Township Board at their last meeting. Later in the week, Langenbrunner met with Terry Hill from the Thomson Town Board who felt the meeting went well. Fritsinger noted the Thompson Fire Chief was not in attendance at that meeting. The CAFD Board is now waiting for a resolution from the Thomson Town Board supporting the next steps before moving on.

D. Resignation of Tony Stoddard – Station 2

MOTION (Ahlgren/Nemmers): To accept the resignation of Tony Stoddard. Motion carried.

E. Resignation of Lora Eames; Perch Lake appointee to Operations Committee

There was discussion of this position and how they should proceed. DeCaigny stated that she, as an ex-officio member of the Board, need not be a minute taker but should be encouraged to return as a valued resource. Other options will be pursued for future meetings concerning the Recorder as an Action Item.

F. POC – Participation Amendment to the Personnel Policy

DeCaigny had numerous wordsmith corrections to the policy. Discussion was held to clarify certain items in the policy. Meagher will make changes suggested by DeCaigny.

MOTION (Demenge/Ahlgren): To approve the POC-Participation Amendment to the Personnel Policy. Motion Carried.

G. POC – Hiring Process Amendment to the Personnel Policy

MOTION (Nemmers/Demenge): To approve the POC Hiring Process Amendment to the Personnel Policy. Motion carried.

8. Other/Next Agenda

A. Future agenda items

Continuing dialog with other communities.

B. Confirm Next Meeting Date

Date	Time	Place
October 8 (Thursday)	6:00 p.m.	Station 2 Perch Lake Town Hall
November 4 (Wednesday)	3:00 p.m.	Station 1 Cloquet Fire Hall
December 10 (Thursday)	6:00 p.m.	Station 2 Perch Lake Town Hall
January 13 (Wednesday)	3:00 p.m.	Station 1 Cloquet Fire Hall
February 11 (Thursday)	6:00 p.m.	Station 2 Perch Lake Town Hall

C. Action Items List Review

See attached list.

8. Adjourn

MOTION (DeMenge/Nemmers): To adjourn at 4:10p.m. Motion carried.