

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2007

A regular meeting of the Trustees of the Williamson County Fire Protection District was held on April 10, 2007 at Station Six. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the President, Don Smith.

Trustees present were as follows: Steve Land, Terry Pike, Fred Becker and Don Smith.

A motion was made by Fred Becker to approve the agenda. Steve Land seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Terry Pike to approve the minutes of the March, 2007 Regular Board Meeting. Fred Becker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A Treasurer's Report was given by Fred Becker listing the following balances on March 31, 2007:

\$ 4,274.05	General Fund Checking Account	Herrin Security Bank
\$ 20.00	Bond	Herrin Security Bank
\$ 4,708.83	Bond Fund	Illinois Funds
\$ 23,605.43	Prepaid Insurance	
\$100,000.00	Certificate of Deposit	SIU Credit Union
\$ 68,000.00	Certificate of Deposit	Herrin Security Bank
\$ 3,500.00	Certificate of Deposit	Fifth Third Bank
\$325,491.45	General Fund	Illinois Funds Account

Total Current Assets:
\$529,600.52

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Steve Land. Terry Pike seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Fred Becker and seconded by Steve Land to accept the bid from Tom Fisher Construction, Royalton, Illinois to replace the roof on Station Two. This was the low bid for total material, labor and waste removal at \$10,911.43.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Terry Pike and seconded by Steve Land to pay the monthly expenses. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Fred Becker and seconded by Steve Land to have Battalion Three rebuild the pump on Engine 2650. The pump repair is in addition to the original repairs. The approximate total cost of all repairs to this vehicle is \$14,000.00.

Chief Swiatkowski advised the board that Insurance Management Service gave notice of a rate increase and change in providers for health insurance for the employees of Williamson County Fire Protection effective June 1, 2007. The board recommended that Chief get prices from other providers and report back at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The Chief reminded the board that the certificate of deposit for \$100,000.00 invested at S I U Credit Union will mature on May 19, 2007. The board advised that we get new bank rates and report back to Fred Becker with that information by the maturity date.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Chief's Report for: March 2007

Firefighters responded to: (42) Forty-two Calls

1. 1 - Smell of Smoke
2. 5 - Structure Fire
3. 22 - Field Fire
4. 3 - Vehicle Fire
5. 1 - Smell of Smoke
6. 1 - Man Stuck in a Pond
7. 1 - Automatic Alarm
8. 1 - Chimney Fire
9. 2 - Hay Bales on Fire
10. 1 - Rubbish Fire
11. 2 - Unfounded Call
12. 1 - Boat on Fire
13. 1 - Illegal Burn

- I. **Airport Firefighter Certification Course:** Eighteen firefighters are scheduled to take the State Fire Marshal Airport Firefighter certification exam at the end of this month.
- II. **Northbrook Engine Update:** Their Village Board is meeting tonight to address our bid for their engine.
- III. **State Fire Marshal's 0 Interest Fire Truck Revolving Loan:** Ready for signatures and mailing.
- IV. **Rescue Tax Letter:** Mailing is complete.
- V. **Assistance to Firefighters Grant (FEMA):** Possible addition of a new brush truck & skid unit. Approximate total cost \$38,000.00. Our share of 5% would be \$1,900.00.

END OF REPORT

With a motion made by Steve Land and seconded by Fred Becker the board meeting was recessed at 7:41 pm and at 7:55 pm reconvened at the Williamson County Airport.

The following items were addressed:

The Williamson County Fire District Board met with the Williamson County Regional Airport Authority Board to discuss the need for an additional full time firefighter for our fire district. This position is necessary due to new FAA regulations requiring a significant increase in the aircraft rescue and firefighting services that we already provide the airport.

Both boards agreed to the need for this position. The airport also agreed to fund it. Costs associated with the new position follows:

Hourly Pay Rate: \$13.00 - \$27,040.00 annually.

Approximate Cost for Benefits: \$7,000.00

The work schedule for this new position will be optimally designed to cover arrivals and departures for commercial flights. This schedule will work in conjunction with our paid on-call firefighters, who will be covering overflow flights.

The new firefighter may be used by the district - as needed – during periods between flights. Also, a firefighter of equal qualifications may be substituted to provide ARFF coverage during periods of authorized leave and to maintain the proficiency of the new firefighter by responding to a variety of calls.

Both boards also agreed to the following:

The cost of all FAA required training for our firefighters will be covered by the Williamson County Regional Airport. The airport authority will also reimburse our fire district for all ARFF training that we conduct in-house. The estimated annual cost for in-house ARFF firefighter training is approximately \$5,742.32. This cost could be higher if the Chicago Fire Department began charging us for annual live fire training.

The Williamson County Regional Airport maintenance employees will still be required to provide ARFF duties for the days the new firefighter is scheduled to be off or, if during an extreme emergency, our firefighter might has to be reassigned.

It is understood by both parties that our paid on-call firefighters are required to cover over-flow commercial flight coverage. This is currently being funded by the income we receive from the airport for charter flight coverage. The airport authority understands that if sufficient income is not generated from charter flight coverage that the airport is obligated to provide additional funding to cover overflow commercial flights.

Finally, Patricia McMeen, airport attorney and James Sinclair have been directed to work out the details regarding this agreement. The airport authority understands that if an agreement is not reached and a new district firefighter is not hired before June 11, 2007, the Williamson County Regional Airport must compensate the fire district to cover paid on-call firefighter costs associated with temporary ARFF commercial coverage.

A motion was made by Fred Becker and seconded by Steve Land to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Don Smith, President

Steve Land, Secretary