

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF  
CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2  
NORTHEAST JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS  
BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2008

The Regular Board Meeting of the Consolidated Fire District No. 2, Northeast Johnson County Governing Board was held at 3921 W. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Prairie Village, KS. Persons in attendance:

**Board Members**

Marcia Jacobs, Chairman  
Janet Fanska, Treasurer  
Georgia Nesselrode

**Staff**

Fire Chief Phil Hodgdon  
Division Chief Gary Lamons  
Battalion Chief Tony Lopez  
Battalion Chief Jeff Scott  
Linda Marshall, Dir. of Finance and Business

John Martin, CPA, Higdon and Hale  
Phillip Lammers, City Administrator, City of Merriam  
Doug Crockett, Interim Fire Chief, City of Merriam  
Pam Bertocin, Council Member, City of Merriam  
Christine Evans Hands, Council Member, City of Merriam  
Mike Rex, IAAF Local 1371  
Troy Jones, Firefighter, CFD #2

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chairman Marcia Jacobs called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.

**CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION:**

There was no citizen's participation.

**GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES:**

Georgia Nesselrode moved and Janet Fanska seconded that the October 28, 2008, Regular Board Meeting minutes be approved as presented. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Janet Fanska reviewed the monthly financial statement. There were no unusual expenditures recorded. Discussion followed. The Treasurer's report was deemed approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Georgia Nesselrode moved and Janet Fanska seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda for November 18, 2008, as presented (Check Register for October, 2008, and Purchase Journal for November, 2008). Discussion followed. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

- A. Merriam Update:  
Georgia Nesselrode presented proposed budgets for 2010 for just the District and for the District with the Merriam Fire Department included. For 2010, the District proposes raising the mill levy to 10.21 mills from 8.99 mills to meet its budget projections given the estimates of income from Johnson County. If the District combines with Merriam and does not raise its mill levy to account for the acquisition of Merriam, it will incur a \$992,887 deficit. If the District combines with Merriam and raises its mill levy to account for the acquisition of Merriam, it will be necessary to raise the levy to 11.32 mills. Discussion followed.

Georgia Nesselrode presented three (3) options open to the District at this time. First, the District could end negotiations on the Consolidation completely. Secondly, the District could endorse the idea of the Consolidation but take the position that, given the current economic times, the negotiations should be suspended for a period of time. Finally, the District could move forward with negotiations for the Consolidation and begin to solicit support from elected officials and citizens of the District. Since all Board Members were not present at this meeting, the remaining Board Members decided to hold a special meeting on Monday, November 24, 2008, to discuss this issue only.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

A. Cell Tower:

Chief Phil Hodgdon presented information from the Mid-America Regional Council and the American Cancer Society concerning cellular towers and health issues. Discussion followed including the inclusion to the contract of a proviso that measurements are to be taken at the tower twice a year for a certain number of years testing for potentially dangerous microwave or RF readings. Chief Hodgdon was asked to check Fire Departments world-wide concerning contract language to protect the District and its firefighters if dangerous levels are found. Chief Hodgdon was also asked to check at the County level to see if there was some type of policy being contemplated concerning the issue of cellular towers. The members of the Governing Board present decided to pursue talks with T-Mobile at this time.

B. Employee Recognition Policy:

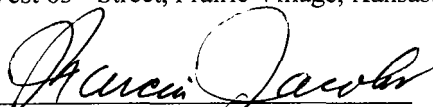
Chief Phil Hodgdon presented the revised Employee Recognition Policy. Minor changes were made to the 20 and 25 year years-of-service awards. Janet Fanska moved and Georgia Nesselrode seconded a motion to accept the Employee Recognition Policy as presented. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

C. Camera and Video Policy:


This type of policy was brought to the District's attention by Chief Tony Lopez, who attended a conference in Denver in August where this issue was discussed. This policy has been reviewed by the District's legal counsel. Georgia Nesselrode moved and Janet Fanska seconded a motion to accept the Camera and Video Policy as presented. Discussion followed. Motion carried.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

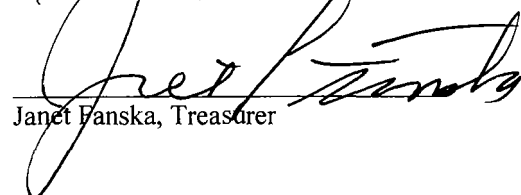
Georgia Nesselrode moved and Janet Fanska seconded the motion to adjourn the regular board meeting. Motion carried. The next regular Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 16, 2008, at Station 2, 3921 West 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Prairie Village, Kansas.

  
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Marcia Jacobs, Chairman

  
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Kevin Kombrink, Board Member

  
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Robert A. Sturm, Vice Chairman

  
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Georgia Nesselrode, Board Member

  
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Janet Fanska, Treasurer