

**LOCKWOOD RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 5th, 2007**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Keith Broyles, Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **ATTENDANCE**  
**Board Members:** Keith Broyles, William Cummins, Doug Dunker, Penny Helms  
**STAFF:** Chief Rash, Delet Smart, Chuck Hagan, Dave McKinney, Karim Eshbaugh Keith Kober  
**Other Guests:** Pam Malek (Exxon), Evelyn Pyburn (Yellowstone County News), Mara Broyles, Tim Sperry

Keith Broyles stated that following the regular Board meeting there would be a Budget Hearing.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES ---**

\*\*\* A motion was introduced by Doug Dunker to approve minutes of Board meeting August 8, 2007  
**Motion was seconded by Bill Cummins.**  
**Motion to approve minutes passed 4-0.**

4. **APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

\*\*\* A motion was made by Doug Dunker to approve payment of warrants.  
**Motion was seconded by Penny Helms.**  
**Motion passed 4-0**

5. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Financial Report:** The total of the expenses for August, 2007 was \$128,763.30. (ATTACHMENT#1)

\$509,574.39 in ambulance payments have been received as of August 31, 2007. Ambulance deposits for August 2007 totaled \$14,533.65. The total income received for the Ambulance Fund July 1, 2007 through June 31, 2008 was \$21,480.90. Total Miscellaneous income received in August 2007 was \$8,640.79 the total received for the General Fund July 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007 was \$14,363.87 (ATTACHMENT#2).

6. **CHIEF'S REPORT**

**BULLET POINTS FROM CHIEF'S REPORT (ATTACHMENT #3)**

- A. Chief's apology for not getting as much done as he wanted due to illness.
- B. Thank you to all who helped with Ford Fire.  
**Keith Broyles reported that all Board members plus spouses helped with Ford Fire.**
- C. Report on Ford Fire.
- D. Thank you to Lockwood School for opening up their building for evacuees.
- E. Thank you to Lockwood Water providing 150,000 gallons of water for Ford Fire.

- F. Compiling expenses from Fire for FEMA reimbursement.
- G. Thank you to ExxonMobil for relieving district of tax repayment.
- H. ExxonMobil will pay LFD \$4000 per year for grass fire protection.
- I. Chief will attend MT State Fire Chief Assoc. conference Sept. 19 – Sept. 22.
- J. Department e-mail for everyone, including Board members
- K. ID cards for Board members.
- L. Computer lease buyout.  
  - Board agreed to lease buyout of computers.**
- M. Two year audit report, almost completed.
- N. Kim Flatow of Mt St Retirement bureau here on Sept. 10 about retirement options for fire fighters.

**The Run Report: 68 Calls (ATTACHMENT #4).**

There were calls 68 in August 2007.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Reserve Fire Fighters Report – N/A**
- B. **Career Fire Fighters Report – N/A**
- C. **Labor & Safety Relations Committee- N/A**
- D. **Ambulance Report- N/A**
- E. **Training Report- N/A**

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**Mutual Aid Agreement w/ Billings Fire Dept** – The Chief reported that the Billings Fire Department is meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> to sign mutual aid agreement. They will then deliver it to LFD.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. General Fund/Ambulance Fund-** The Chief reported that Galusha, Higgins, & Galusha have looked into the legalities of combining the General Fun and the Ambulance Fund. They have found no reasons or law that would not allow this. Delet will inform Yellowstone County of this action.

\*\*\* **A motion was** introduced by Bill Cummins to combine the Ambulance Fund with the General Fund.

**Motion was seconded by Doug Dunker.**

**Motion passed 4-0.**

- B. **Chief William Rash Probation:** Six month probation period is up for the Chief. Keith Broyles read letter about accomplishments made by Chief Rash in the past 6 months (**ATTACHMENT #5**).
- C. **Letter from ExxonMobil:** Keith Broyles submitted a letter that he received from ExxonMobil concerning the meeting that he and the Chief had with ExxonMobil. (**ATTACHMENT #6**). He also submitted a letter that was his response to ExxonMobil (**ATTACHMENT #7**).

