

**COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION, PERSONNEL,
STANDARDS AND EDUCATION**

Minutes

February 22, 2013

Lexington, Kentucky

Present:

Eric Bach
Dr. Box
Kristin Chilton
Rick Daugherty
Greg Dearing
Pam Dickens
Greg Gillian (Proxy for BG John Heltzel)
David Goldsmith
Walter Lage
Scott Lawson
William Lilly
Greg Lowe
Rich Meyer
Jim Nickell
Tiger Robinson
Fred Siegelman
David Stump
William Swope

Greg Lowe called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Greg Lowe said there will be a couple of amendments to the agenda. Adam Edelen will speak at the meeting, a letter of resignation will be read for one of the commission members and Russ Sanders will speak during the agency reports. Greg Lowe read the resignation of Kristin Chilton from the Fire Commission.

Greg Lowe said the election of officers will be conducted today. The positions are for chairman, vice chairman and secretary. Greg Dearing motion for Eric Bach to be secretary of the Fire Commission. David Stump seconded. Motion approved.

David Stump motion for Greg Dearing to be the vice chairman of the Fire Commission. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Jim Nickell motion for Greg Lowe for chairman of the Fire Commission. Rich Meyer seconded. David Stump motion for Tiger Robinson to be the chairman. Scott Lawson

seconded. Five commission members voted for Greg Lowe as the chairman of the Fire Commission. Nine commission members voted for Tiger Robinson. Tiger Robinson is the new chairman for the Fire Commission. Tiger Robinson thanked Greg Lowe for all of his hard work for the commission. Rick Daugherty motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2012 in Louisville, Kentucky. David Stump seconded. Motion approved.

Tiger Robinson thanked Green River for hosting this meeting at the Bryant Stiles Officer's School. David McCrady thanked everyone for their support.

Finance Committee

Walter Lage said the finance committee met this morning to review the bi-monthly financial report. The expenditures are on schedule with the budget. Revenues are running ahead of budget. Walter said the finance committee will be meeting with the new SFRT Director, Ronnie and Brenda prior to the next Commission meeting to work on SFRT budgets. Walter said they approved the expenditure for the EMS budget for the accreditation process. The approved expenditure will go up to 1.6 million dollars for the new equipment for five areas. Walter said the committee discussed the Blackboard services in conjunction with KCTCS. The amount for this year is \$236,050.38. Walter Lage motion to approve. Jim Nickell seconded. David Goldsmith said these students are enrolled in the fire science program. Walter said in a fire science curriculum class. Walter said the numbers are from August to November 2011 and will be payable toward 2013. Greg Dearing said he would like to see 2012-2013 year be reviewed by the commission before we pay next year. Walter said the discussion they had with Dr. Box and Ken Walker is that training programs will not be cut to fund this and this will be reviewed annually. Motion approved.

E&E Committee

Kristin Chilton said the E&E Committee met on February 6th in Versailles to discuss several issues. Kristin said at the Fire Commission workshop in Louisville there was a recommendation made by the E&E sub-committee in regards to online training hours and IFSAC hours. The sub-committee is still working on this and will bring back to the E&E committee in the next few months. Kristin said we approved the payment of state aid for Stinking Creek Fire Department. Kristin said Wingfield Fire Department wants to use their state aid money to pay back a private loan. This request was approved. Lone Oak Fire Department asked to use their state aid for maintenance on a training facility. This request was denied. Casey Crawford said we received 287 applications for thermal imaging cameras. We have \$500,000.00 to award. We went with the departments who had the oldest cameras for the remaining balance. 156 fire departments will receive thermal imaging cameras. Tiger Robinson said there were some applications that didn't meet qualifications. Ronnie Day said letters will go next week. Kristin Chilton motion to approve. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved. David Goldsmith abstained from voting.

Loan Committee

Eric Bach said the loan committee met this morning. Smithland and Burna Fire Departments are requesting extensions on the loans because they didn't receive their state aid. Eric Bach motion to extend these loans. Scott Lawson seconded. Motion approved.

Eric Bach said Elliottville Fire Department is requesting \$45,000.00 for a 1995 General/Spartan Custom Pumper. Shelby County Fire Department is requesting \$12,240.00 for sixty pairs of firefighting boots. East Fork Fire Department is requesting \$48,948.00 for a NFPA compliant fire body with a tank. Lotts Creek Fire Department is requesting \$48,750.00 for a 2012 Chevrolet 3500 Rescue truck. Greg Dearing motion to approve. Jim Nickell seconded. Eric Bach said Kite Topmost is requesting \$75,000.00 for an 80'x100' all metal building. They had several things missing from their packet. Casey is going to get in contact with them to get this information. This loan has been denied until the committee receives everything they need. Motion approved.

Training Facility Committee

David Stump said we had a meeting yesterday to review all of the application. David said he made a motion in Grayson on October 24, 2012 to go ahead and award the training facility grant money for this year. David said he would like to rescind that motion. The process is now longer for awarding training facility grants. David Stump motion to wait until after July 1, 2013 to award training facility grant money. This will give the committee \$1,060,000.00 to grant. Rich Meyer seconded. Motion approved. Tiger Robinson said they had twenty eight applications to review yesterday. Tiger said we are scheduled to meet again on March 21st for departments to present their presentations. Eric Bach asked can this money be used for maintenance. Ronnie Day said KAR says no. That money cannot be used for maintenance. In order to do this it would require a legislative change.

Personnel Committee

Greg Dearing said the personnel committee has been really busy for the last few weeks. The personnel committee has approved Pat Thompson as the new SFRT Director. Pat Thompson said he looks forward to working with everyone. Eric Bach motion to approve. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

Greg Dearing said there are three positions coming open. They are for Retention and Recruitment Coordinator, Curriculum Specialist, and Director at the Wendell Ford Training Center.

Kristin Chilton said tool boxes have been added to the state aid equipment list. The departments must get prior approval from staff before they can purchase tool boxes.

Director Reports

Bruce Roberts said the batch reports are done. Forty five departments will not receive their state aid.

Bruce said applications have been sent out for fitness equipment. The only thing they are going to purchase this year is treadmills. Bruce said they repossessed a treadmill and elliptical.

Bruce said they are going to set up a meeting with the Fire Chief's executive board and try to get CPAT taken care of.

Ronnie Day introduced Adam Edelen (State Auditor) to the Fire Commission. Adam Edelen said they are working on trying to pass House Bill 1. He will be conducting a meeting immediately after the commission meeting to address concerns.

Michael Kurtsinger said 581 House Bills and 403 Senate Bills that have been introduced this year. Michael thanked everyone who has been there with him in Frankfort. Michael said Gerald Stewart had surgery and is doing great.

Executive Director Reports

Ronnie Day said please remember Gene Kiser and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Gene's wife passed away last week.

Ronnie said everyone should have received a packet on forestry surplus from us. Ronnie said we are getting equipment every day.

Ronnie said the state fire school flyers will be out tomorrow. Ronnie said the state and federal transportation have developed a new Highway Incident Safety Program. They are conducting a train the trainer on February 27th and 28th in Frankfort. We are sending twenty people to this.

Ronnie Day said everyone did a great job that was on the search committee. Ronnie thanked Greg Dearing, Eric Bach, Marc Rudder, Bill Birkle and Angelique Miller from KCTCS for all of their hard work.

Ronnie Day said they had a site visit on Wednesday from Ft. Leonardwood Engineering Group.

Ronnie Day said the Fire Commission will be moving to Lexington. We hope to be in the building by May 1st. KBEMS will be moving with us.

Ronnie said Bryant Stiles was named the National Volunteer Fire Council Director of the year posthumously.

Agency Reports

Russ Sanders thanked the commission and the fire marshal's office for all of the good work they do for the fire service. Russ said they have California and Maryland on board for the sprinkler activity. Russ said Don Bellis and Rusty Todd will be attending the sprinkler summit in Chicago on April 15th.

Fire Marshal's Office

William Swope said effective March 8th there will be a new administrative regulation regarding standards of safety. The new standards will be based up NFPA 1. Russ Sanders said NFPA 1 will be free training. There will be no unfunded mandates.

Homeland Security

Tom Arnold said there is a class being offered tomorrow on the fusion center. Tom said he will be sending out newsletters on the fusion center. Tom said HISEN is in the process of changing over to a new platform. Tom said RDPC training has been for ECU has been suspended. They need more funding to continue these programs. Tom said they are trying to develop a statewide USAR program.

Emergency Management

Greg Gillian thanked SFRT for all of the training they have provided.

Kentucky Firefighter's Association

None.

Kentucky Association of Fire Chief's

None.

Kentucky Professional Firefighter's Association

Rick Daugherty said all of our efforts are in the legislative session.

KBEMS

None.

Old Business

Tiger Robinson said the meeting location for October 3rd has been moved from Versailles to Owensboro. Scott Lawson motion to approve. Pam Dickens seconded. Motion approved.

New Business

David Stump asked the commission to send out invitations to the elected officials statewide to state fire school.

Correspondence

Ronnie Day and Tiger Robinson presented a plaque to Betty Rauch for all of her hard work and dedication to the Fire Commission.

Comments from the Audience

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.