



WESTERN COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, 3 April, 2013

MINUTES

Members Present

Chairman John Humble

Robert Guastini

Richard Holt

Jonathan Farnum

Robert Hevey

Moderator WCS Mays, III

Chief Quattrini

Deputy Chief Guastini

Clerk Cheryl Wilcox

Representative Chippendale

Council Woman Karen Carlson

Senator Kettle

- 1. *Call to Order and Attendance*** – The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. *Confirmation of required meeting posting and quorum*** – The Chairman confirmed that there is a quorum present and the meeting was posted in all required locations.
- 3. *CCFD status and any possible WCFD response/action items*** – Representative Chippendale is asked at what point this District can air it's opinion. The Representative states that there will be a time when all interested parties are called to the table. He is not sure a way to do this and have this position treated fairly. He says that Chief Volpe is not interested in having a 'Public Safety Department'. The State cannot compel this District to do anything that it doesn't want because of the Charter. He says that the State cannot dissolve the Charter, only revenue, and there isn't anything wrong with our District. He also says that the Legislature has made it very clear that this is a Coventry problem.

There are three plans being worked on. One plan from Patricia Morgan would put the Town in charge along with a Citizens Task Force. The Town would collect the 3rd and 4th quarter taxes to contract out services or keep the District operating. The second, from Gary Cote, would carve up

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the District between the other three Districts. The third plan is from Scott Guthrie and would include a tier tax system. If the voters reject, the District would continue with the current budget. 39 of 42 firefighters would be kept and three out of five stations would be closed. An acceptable plan will be presented to the Judge on April 8th.

The Tax Collector has determined that \$120,400 in tax revenue would be received from the 330 properties that our District would be taking over in the case of plan #2. Members review maps of proposed district shift.

Members of the Board, Rep. Chippendale, and Senator Kettle all agree that everyone should be working together instead of having so many different plans. Mr. Farnum says that we are willing to accept extra properties on the map carved out by Rep. Nunes and asks when we would begin taxing. Members also want to make sure that our District does not take over any liability. They also agree that there is not enough know at this time.

Mr. Mays reminds the Board that CCFD also takes care of the street lights in the district.

4. ***New Business*** – n/a
5. ***Open Forum*** – n/a
6. ***Schedule next meeting*** – n/a
7. ***Adjournment*** – a motion was made by Mr. Holt and seconded by Mr. Farnum to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.