



WESTERN COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

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**Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, 2 May, 2013, 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Members Present

Chairman John Humble

Richard Holt

Jonathan Farnum

Robert Guastini

Robert Hevey

Skip Mays

Council Woman Carlson

Chief Quattrini

Deputy Chief Guastini

Captain Gardner

1. ***Call to Order and Attendance*** – The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 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*** – This meeting is being held to make sure we all understand what is being proposed in Bill 856 and whether or not there is any discrepancy between what we understand and our Tax Collector understands and what the Town Assessor understands. If there is a discrepancy how do we correct it? It is the Chairman's understanding that the Assessors got together with the various Tax Collectors and agree with what they have on the map. Members view the maps and discuss the boundary at Matteson and Carpenter Roads. The Deputy Chief explains the maps to the Members. The boundary is 2950 east of Matteson Road. Our new boundary would include Casey Lane in our district and both sides of Maple Valley Road. The Chairman feels that we need a more accurate description. Based on current evaluation, this map brings in \$120,000 in taxes. Mr. Humble believes the definition should be by plat and lot. Mr. Hevey will take the maps and try to fill in the wording for the new line. He will try to get the persons in charge of the Bill to insert his wording.
4. ***Rescue Vehicle Bid Package and advertisement*** – There is a cab and chassis ready to be retrofitted which is lending a sense of urgency to our bid. This first thing we have to do is

Board of Directors

John Humble – Chairperson, Robert Hevey, Richard Holt, Robert Guastini, Jonathan Farnum

District Officers

WCS Mays III – Moderator, Joan Smith – Tax Collector, Glenn Underwood – Treasurer, Cheryl Wilcox – Clerk

Chief Steven Quattrini

advertise. The ad will go in the Journal and our website. A motion is made by Mr. Guastini and seconded by Mr. Hevey to accept the specifications as modified. Discussion: the items highlighted in yellow, will be deleted because it was too strict. The term ‘garage keeps legal’ refers to insurance. There is discussion of the warranty. Additional costs for the vehicle will be radios and flashlights. Chief Quattrini says that there is no correlation between accidents and the color of a rescue according to a study by the NFPA. Mr. Mays respectfully disagrees with the Chiefs observations of color. He says FEMA has chastised NFPA for not having addressed color issues in their deliberations. He says they discourage dark color vehicles. He says the automotive industry, insurance companies, have reported that light colored vehicles have fewer accidents. His concern is for the safety of our members. He distributes a report. The Chairman believes most of the report refers to reflective tape. The Chairman asks what it is that has caused difficulty with Rescue 8. The Deputy replies, the ride and location of some of the equipment. Captain Gardner believes that maintenance should be less on this cab and chassis because it is hydraulic as opposed to air. He has spoken to other departments with this cab and chassis who have had fewer problems. He is satisfied that the specifications have addressed all issues that he has had to deal with Rescue 8. He has worked on this specification for three years. All in favor of specification as amended, four members voted aye. No nays. Mr. Hevey abstains because he doesn’t believe that color has been addressed adequately.

5. ***New Business*** – It is time for the 6-month evaluation of the Chief. The Chairman has asked for recommendation from Attorney Harsch if the Chairman can do the evaluation without all Board Members.

Mr. Guastini reminds everyone that it is time to spruce up the front of the building with loam and grass and flowers. He also reminds them of the lights on the sign. If DOT lights are installed, the Chief says that electricity would cost \$2,000 per year. We would also be responsible for installation cost.

Representative Chippendale suspects that the delay with our Charter may be because of the Central Coventry situation.

6. ***Open Forum***

7. ***Schedule next meeting*** – the next meeting will be held on May 16, 2013.

8. ***Adjournment*** – A motion is made and seconded to adjourn the meeting before 9:00 p.m.