



WESTERN COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

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**Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, 20 May, 2013, 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Members Present

*Chairman John Humble
Jonathan Farnum
Richard Holt*

*WCS Mays III, Moderator
Chief Quattrini
Glenn Underwood, Treasurer
Deputy Chief Guastini*

Excused
*Robert Guastini
Robert Hevey*

*Captain Mann
Captain Gardner*

1. ***Call to Order and Attendance*** – the Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:07 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. ***Recue Vehicle 8 “fit-for-duty” status report, corrective and/or any necessary action by the Board of Directors*** – Rescue 8 has gone through hard time and so has the budget. Coming back from a call on Thursday night, major engine damage was discovered and antifreeze in the engine oil. Antifreeze from overflow in the crank case is a sign of a scored cylinder. The cylinders became scored. An estimate from C&S to repair is \$7,110.50. The repairs will take one week. An invoice for pending prior work is \$6,090.

The rescue was running rough on the way to the scene, the police cancelled the rescue, the check engine light came on on the way back, and the temperature went up. Mr. Humble thinks that it is odd for a diesel engine to fail like that with mileage of 80-110,000. The Chief states that it is not odd for a rescue to fail at 100,000 miles. He says that the best case is to retire a rescue at 80,000 and use as a backup. Captain Gardner says that the rescue never lost oil pressure. He says that once the repairs are done, we will have a rebuilt engine with some type of warranty on a rescue that will become our backup when the new rescue is delivered. There is discussion of diesel engines. Normally they should warm up before and after use. In the case of a rescue, there is never time to warm up prior to a run. There is discussion of gas versus diesel engines for a rescue. A diesel engine has more power.

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

Mr. Humble says that we don't have a choice but to have the rescue fixed. He thinks that the decision to get the repairs is more for the Chief, not the Board. Taking the money from rescue recovery this early in the budget is not prudent. Mr. Underwood suggests making a best effort to cut expenses. The Chief is cutting a conference for \$1,000. Mr. Underwood also suggests re-doing the equipment schedule to match 80,000 miles. Mr. Holt would like a detailed equipment report for the rescue and other vehicles that includes age, miles, hours, etc. Mr. Humble would like to know what the root cause of the engine failure was. He asks if there is any coverage in driver training on how the vehicle is treated. A suggestion is made to set policy to let the vehicles cool down before they are turned off after a run.

4. ***Consideration of arrangements/agreements for inter department/district use of property such as in the case of loaned apparatus*** – Hopkins Hill has agreed to let us use their backup rescue until ours is repaired. Mr. Humble asks how we can reciprocate. The Chief says that within fire service this happens frequently. Neighboring departments always help out.
5. ***New Business*** – n/a
6. ***Open Forum*** – n/a
7. ***Schedule next meeting*** – n/a
8. ***Adjournment*** – a motion is made by Mr. Farnum and seconded by Mr. Holt to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.