



WESTERN COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT

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**Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, 27 February, 2014, 7:00 P.M. meeting to take place at
the above address**

MINUTES

(Posted 25 February, 2014)

Members Present

John Humble

Jonathan Farnum

Robert Hevey

Richard Holt

Robert Guastini

Glenn Underwood

Chief Quattrini

Deputy Chief Guastini

Captain Gardner

Cheryl Wilcox

Robert Oz

Kendra Miller

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 was a quorum present and the meeting has been posted in all required locations.
3. ***Acceptance of BOD meeting minutes of 9 & 16 January and 6 & 20 February, 2014*** – A motion is made by Mr. Guastini and seconded by Mr. Holt to accept the minutes of 1/29/14, 1/16/14, and 2/6/14. Discussion: Mr. Hevey asks that the titles of Captain Gardner and DC Guastini be added to attendance to make it consistent. He also asks that the type of chain saw purchased be noted. It was a K12 saw. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Humble brings up a complaint to the Attorney General regarding the February 20th meeting. He thinks that the person who filed the complaint thinks that any meeting other than an emergency meeting is a regularly scheduled meeting. It has been our practice to only accept minutes of any meeting at the BOD's meetings that are listed with the Secretary of State's office at the beginning of the year. Mr. Hevey thinks that is correct. Mr. Guastini asks if we can state the regularly scheduled meetings as posted on the SOS site. The complainant went back to August 2013 citing that minutes weren't approved at the next meeting, but at the annually posted regular BOD meetings. Attorney Harsch is working on this. Mr. Guastini says that the taxpayers know how much these complaints are costing the district.

4. ***CCFD receivership/liquidation status and any possible WCFD response/action items*** – the Judge put a stop to the CCFD BOD meeting and modified their scope of authority. There is a meeting on Monday March 3rd of all the Chiefs with Town officials that Mr. Humble and Mr. Hevey will attend.
5. ***Review the Department's Apparatus Usage and Replacement Schedule Report*** – Captain Gardner has done research and found a fleet maintenance program that tracks PM's and apparatus replacement that costs \$50. He will give a report at the next meeting.

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6. **Review the Rescue Recovery Fund status and third party billing opportunities** – There is close to \$80,000 in the fund. A new tanker may cost \$450,000
7. **Continuation of 2014-2015 budget and annual meeting packet preparation** – add hydrant connection (122.20), K tool (140), and heart monitor maintenance (1,500), hose and nozzle, and sledge hammer to the current budget. There are 5 new members that need to be fitted with turnout gear. New gear will be fitted to senior members and their old gear will be fitted to newer members. If we purchase all 5 sets, we save \$150. The State recommends (NFPA) recommends replacement in 5-10 years. Mr. Guastini says that according to the manufacturers the gear should be replaced every 10 years only for proximity fires should it be replaced at 5 years. Two sets will be put into the operating budget and three sets out of rescue recovery.

76500 Heating – There is discussion of adding a third gas tank to stock up on propane when the prices is low. 3.00 per gallon.

77400 – Add one more person on Sunday.

78200 – Sign Program – change from \$250 to 0.

A motion is made by Mr. Farnum and seconded by Mr. Guastini to approve the budget. Mr. Holt suggests that the meeting on Monday regarding CCFD may change the direction of the budget and they should wait and put off the vote until the next BOD meeting. Mr. Humble, aye; Mr. Holt, aye; Mr. Guastini, aye; Mr. Farnum, aye; Mr. Hevey, nay. Motion carried.

8. **New Business-** n/a
9. **Open Forum-** n/a
10. **Schedule next BOD meeting-** n/a
11. **Adjournment-** a motion is made by Mr. Farnum and seconded by Mr. Hevey to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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