

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**SOUTHWEST ADAMS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The regular meeting of the Southwest Adams County Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on March 18, 2010, at 3365 West 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver, Colorado. Board members in attendance were: Harold Lewis, Greg Neal, Martha Velasquez, and Randy Ferguson. Dottie Martinez was excused due to illness. Others in attendance were Michelle Ferguson, Chief George Ditolla, Doug Stottlemeyer, Dave Chavez , Trevor Vaughn and Kaye Lombardi.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Vice-President Velasquez called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA** – No changes.

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2010 BOARD MEETING** – Director Neal moved to approve the February 18, 2010 Board meeting minutes. Director Lewis seconded. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/GUESTS** – None.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – The Chavez family thanked the Board for the flowers sent in sympathy for the recent passing of their wife and mother, Laura.

Sheila Kapelke sent a thank you card for the flowers and support during the recent loss of both her brother and nephew.

**BILLS** – The bills for February were reviewed by the Board.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – No financial report due to the audit.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT** – The Chief reported that Training Officer Mike Tavalez is starting a new *general* academy and that the District may get some reserves out of it. He is charging \$1,200 per person for tuition; the District has obtained a rider on its Workers Compensation Insurance for coverage in case of injury.

Chief Ditolla and Garry Aranda will be doing their annual inspection of all the stations and grounds for any items that need repair. Typically the District has concrete replacement and some fence repair it must do each year depending on the severity of the weather.

The “dress” uniforms have all been sized and fitted. Once everyone has their dress uniforms, the District will take pictures of the whole department together. The Chief would like the Board to be included in these pictures as well.

The crews have been testing different bunker gear from several companies to see which they prefer. The crews are leaning toward black gear with reflective trim. Bunker gear usually costs \$1500 -- \$1600 a set. The District included approximately 15 sets in this year's budget with the hope of budgeting replacement of the remaining gear next year.

The Chief has requested input from the members on a 5 and 10 year plan for the District. He indicated that he is asking for all requests to include an analysis of the cost of implementation of the specific request. A 5 and 10 year plan will help the District develop a plan for the large expenses it faces in the future.

Attorney Ferguson forwarded the District a letter regarding a new mandatory notice (CHIPRA) that the Federal government requires employers with group health insurance to send to all employees relating to children's insurance coverage under this program.

Attorney Ross forwarded the District a letter regarding new black box requirements for ambulances obtain through State grants. Specifically, if the District applies for any State grants to purchase new ambulances then the new ambulances must have black boxes installed in it or the District is not eligible for the grant. The black box will assess "points" against the driver for items such as speeding, taking corners too fast, etc. with the hope of being a teaching tool and being used to cut down on injuries, maintenance and tires.

There are several grants out there that the District may not apply for. Unfortunately, many of these shared grants have a 50/50 match, which are too high for the District at this time.

Thornton is completely moved out of ADCOM. This shortage of fees will be split up between the various agencies. ADCOM is constantly seeking new agencies to join which would reduce fees for all current agencies.

It is time to redo the department I.D. cards as it has been two years since they were last updated.

There have been no new issues with the break-ins of the fire stations. The Chief suspects all the publicity must have put the perpetrator(s) in hiding.

**ATTORNEY REPORT** – Michelle Ferguson reported that it has been quiet on the legal front and had little to add to the written report.

The SDA is planning to lobby against several of the ballot issues that would severely impact them and Special Districts. They will be relying on local newspaper and radio ads to get the word out.

**CITIZENS INPUT** – A citizen, Trevor Vaughn, introduced himself and stated that he had a lot of confusion about where our fire district boundaries lay and that he has had difficulty trying to get basic information about the District and the election. He suggested that the fire district be a little more transparent.

The Chief explained that committees had gone door to door explaining to our taxpayers the necessity of raising the current mill levy and advised him where certain information regarding the District was available.

Director Lewis motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Director Ferguson seconded at 8:15.

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**Randy Ferguson, Secretary**