

**Minutes of the Geary County Rural Fire Board Trustees Meeting
For April 6, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by County Commission Chair Larry Hicks.

Roll call was taken. Districts present: Blakely, Lyon, Wingfield, Assistant Fire Chief Clark and Chairman Hicks. District absent: Jackson, Jefferson, Milford and Smoky Hill. Also present was County Extension Agent Chuck Otte.

The December minutes were reviewed. (The February meeting did not have a quorum present so there was no official meeting.) **Brian Clark moved to approve the minutes – the motion was seconded and passed 5 – 0.**

Brian Clark reviewed the year to date 2011 fire runs. So far in 2011 there have been 50+ runs, (because of the number of grass fires in recent days not all reports have been completed) compared to 32 in this same period in 2010.

The narrow band radio conversion is continuing with good progress being made. Truck 102 is repaired and back in service. Truck 105 had several issues, but is now back in service. Truck 101 is currently out of service with a rear brake problems. This is being resolved and they hope to have Truck 101 back in service in a few more days.

Chuck Otte reported that some of the routine fire board maintenance tasks are being transferred to the Emergency Management office to facilitate streamlining of functions. He will continue to serve as a liaison and trustee board secretary.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Bill reported that in discussions with neighbors they were pleased to find that property insurance rates had dropped because of improvements brought about by the fire district and rural water district.

A question was raised concerning some confusion in knowing who to call for permission to burn and how a decision was reached as to whether to allow burning on any given day. Brian outlined the process that the Emergency Management office goes through to determine if burning is appropriate on a day and who should be called. Brian reminded everyone that contact information is included with each person's burn permit every year.

The next meeting will be June 1, 2011.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Otte
Recording Secretary