

**Minutes of the Geary County Rural Fire Board Trustees Meeting
For December 5, 2012**

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

Roll call was taken. Districts present: Oliver Schmutz (Lyon), Bob Forman (Milford), John Poole (Jackson), Mike Strauss (Blakely), Fire Chief Garry Berges and Chairman Whitebread. District absent: Jefferson, Smoky Hill, and Wingfield. Also present was Assistant Fire Chief Brian Clark, County Extension Agent Chuck Otte, and Nathan Seward

Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. **In light of no corrections needed, Chairman Whitebread declared the minutes approved.**

Fire Chief Report: As of earlier in the day, Rural Fire Station #9 had been closed and all equipment moved to the new Station #8, also known as Pleasant View Station. Year to date (December 1) there had been 197 calls compared to 180 in 2011. Since December 1st there had been 3 more calls. Old Truck 107 was sold on Purple Wave Auction for \$6,500. Old Truck 10X was currently on Purple Wave Auction and that was to close January 1st. Garry reported that he and Brian had received 7 used air packs with 45 minute bottles from Ft. Riley Fire Department. A Fire Fighter 1 class was going to be presented in conjunction with Riley County starting the 1st week of January and running through early May. All volunteers that respond to fires receive \$10 per fire from the county. At the upcoming Fireman's Relief Fund annual meeting there would be \$5,050 presented to volunteer firefighters for their fire responses in 2012.

Assistant Fire Chief Report: Brian had been working on fitting the automatic front sprayer nozzle units on trucks as part of the UFA Grant that the county had received. Truck #115 had a plumbing issue that has been fixed. The front sprayer nozzle unit on #112 was recently used at a fire scene.

County Extension Agent: Chuck asked everyone to be sure that they have turned in the results of elections to Jennifer in the front office.

Unfinished Business: Mike Strauss reported that Wayne Adams and John Moyer, while they liked the front sprayer nozzles, were concerned that they may need to be downsized as they can drain a water tank in a hurry. Brian said that they had noticed the same thing and suggested that the pump motor be ran at an idle as this would still provide adequate water and pressure and really stretch out the water supply.

New Business: John Poole moved to retain Bob Foreman as Vice Chairman and Chuck Otte as Recording Secretary for 2013. The motion was seconded and passed 6 – 0.

With no further business, Chairman Whitebread adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Otte
Recording Secretary