

**Minutes of the Geary County Rural Fire Board Trustees Meeting
For February 6, 2013**

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

Roll call was taken. Districts present: Mike Strauss (Blakely), Richard Witt (Jefferson), Oliver Schmutz (Lyon), Brian Clark (Milford), Chris Ross (Smoky Hill), Ron Blomenkamp (Wingfield), Fire Chief Garry Berges and Chairman Bennett. District absent: Jackson. Also present was County Extension Agent Chuck Otte, and Nathan Seward.

Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. **Mike Strauss moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed 8 – 0.**

Fire Chief Report: Garry reviewed the fire runs for 2012. He handed out sheets showing the breakdown by month and by truck responding. Average response time was 8 minutes and 16 seconds which was up 19 seconds from 2011. Part of this was simply due to the location of some of the fires. Total loss was almost \$75,000 less than in 2011. (Handouts are attached to these minutes.) January of 2013 saw 12 fires, four less than January last year. One of those fires was a Riley county assist on McDowell Creek Road. The Sohnrey family lost most of their belongings. Geary County Rural Fire Department hosted a fundraiser supper for the Sohnrey's that raised nearly \$3,400.

The County Safety Committee has purchased CPR mannequins that will be available for CPR training.

Truck 10X was sold on Purple Wave Auctions for \$3,800. Old Truck 107 was also sold on Purple Wave for \$6,500.

Garry reported that there would be Pipeline Safety Awareness meetings coming up in the area. The closest meetings would be at Manhattan and Alma. If anyone wants more information, please contact Garry.

The State Capital Area Firefighters Association (SCAFA) will be having a firefighter training school March 13 – 17 in Topeka. Contact Garry for details if you're interested.

Acorns Resort has announced that it is starting to develop plans for a lodge that could be 3 to 4 stories tall. This raises concerns as neither Geary County nor Junction City has a ladder truck that would reach that high which would impact fire insurance rates. This is in a very early stage with a lot of planning yet to do.

Mike asked Garry about more calls but less time invested. Garry responded that there were smaller fires but more of them. New Geary County Sheriff Tony Wolfe has asked for more fire training for deputies.

Assistant Fire Chief Report: Brian Clark reported that Truck 115 has a new carburetor; a sprayer malfunction on Truck 112 has been fixed, and Station 5 has rodent issues but that is being addressed.

County Extension Agent: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: There are some roof leaks on the Emergency Operations Office but that is being worked on.

New Business: None

Announcements: Next meeting will be April 3, 2013.

With no further business, Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Otte
Recording Secretary



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2012 FIRE RUNS

Total Calls – **210** (2012) 189 (2011)

First Responder Calls- Milford Township – **58**
 (Included in total fire runs) 2011 - 55

Average Response Time: **8 minutes 16 seconds**
(2011 was 7 minutes 57 seconds)
 (This is for all trucks responding to the scene)

Total Truck Responses **396** 372 - 11

Total Firefighter Responses- **1,105** 1,056 - 11
 Deputies Responses - **315** 301- 11
 Volunteer's Responses - **506** 521- 11
 Fire Chief/Asst. Chief - **284** 234- 11

Total Hours spent at Fires- **1,227.70 hrs** 1,764.70 hrs - 11
 Deputies Time- **380.80 hrs** 543.07 hrs - 11
 Volunteer's Time- **645.28 hrs** 939.99 hrs - 11
 Fire Chief/ Asst. Chief **311.62 hrs** 281.64 hrs - 11

TK 100 – **30** (36)
 (Barr Rd)

TK 101 – **5** (8)
 (Barr Rd)

TK 102 – **18** (14)
 (Lyon)

TK 103 – **1** (7)
 (Smoky Hill)

TK 104 – **0** (0)
 (Back-up Truck)

TK 105 – **10** (22)
 (Clarks Creek)

TK 106 – **4** (7)
 (Humboldt Creek)

TK 107 - **6** (1)
 (McDowell Creek)

TK 108 – **65** (66)
 (Milford Twp)

TK 109 - **16** (13)
 (Milford Twp)

TK 110 – **2** (1)
 (Laurel Canyon)

TK 111 – **4**(8)
 (Milford Twp)

TK 112 - **80** (56)
 (Main Station)

TK 113 – **29** (21)
 (Smoky Hill)

TK 114 – **39** (35)
 (Main Station)

TK 115 – **38** (44)
 (Main Station)

TK 116 – **40** (33)
 (Main Station)

Gator – **7** (14) 2011 runs are in ()

Fire Types:	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Building Fires:	12	9
Vehicle Fires:	14	19
Grass, Brush, Fires:	85	69
Cultivated grain or crop fire:	6	4
Medical Assist:	58	55
Fuel Spills/Vehicle Accident/ Down Power Line:	15	20
Service Calls	6	7
Good Intent:	4	3
Dispatched & Cancelled En-route:	8	9
Authorized Controlled Burn:	2	3
<i>Total Loss Amount</i>	<i>\$241,025.00</i>	<i>2012</i>
	<i>\$315,599.00</i>	<i>2011</i>

Geary County Rural Fire Runs by Month

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
2000	6 6	4 10	11 21	23 44	6 50	2 52	8 60	6 66	15 81	3 84	3 87	2 89	89
2001	7 7	2 9	5 14	9 23	6 29	8 37	11 48	10 58	3 61	4 65	1 66	9 75	75
2002	10 10	9 19	8 27	25 52	8 60	13 73	20 93	10 103	5 108	8 116	5 121	12 133	133
2003	3 3	6 9	15 24	29 53	5 58	8 66	15 81	11 92	4 96	5 101	3 104	5 109	109
2004	5 5	5 10	7 17	14 31	9 40	7 47	4 51	9 60	4 64	5 69	8 77	6 83	83
2005	7 7	5 12	17 29	20 49	5 54	4 58	12 70	6 76	9 85	2 87	8 95	8 103	103
2006	4 4	12 16	13 29	20 49	7 56	19 75	29 104	11 115	10 125	5 130	9 139	10 149	149
2007	5 5	15 20	13 33	13 46	6 52	9 61	14 75	11 86	13 99	8 107	4 111	5 116	116
2008	12 12	3 15	10 25	17 42	11 53	8 61	9 70	18 88	14 102	9 111	7 118	9 127	127
2009	10 10	22 32	16 48	15 63	15 78	17 95	25 120	15 135	6 141	5 146	10 156	4 160	160
2010	6 6	4 10	9 19	36 55	11 66	11 77	16 93	15 108	12 120	13 133	13 146	16 162	162
2011	12 12	8 20	19 39	27 66	12 78	12 90	27 117	12 129	19 148	14 162	18 180	9 189	189
2012	16 16	17 33	35 68	18 86	14 100	19 119	36 155	16 171	11 182	10 192	5 197	13 210	210