

**Minutes of the Geary County Rural Fire Board Trustees Meeting
For October 3, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by County Commission Chair Florence Whitebread.

Roll call was taken. Districts present: Richard Witt (Jefferson – *arrived at 7:42 p.m.*), Oliver Schmutz (Lyon), Bob Forman (Milford), Ron Blomenkamp (Wingfield) Fire Chief Garry Berges and Chairman Whitebread. District absent: Blakely, Jackson, and Smoky Hill. Also present was Assistant Fire Chief Brian Clark, County Extension Agent Chuck Otte.

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

Fire Chief Report: Year to date there had been 182 fires, 34 more than the 148 in the same period for 2011. Two older firetrucks are being sold through Purple Wave Auction. The Pleasant View Station (Station #8) construction is going well. McCaleb Electric will be doing the wiring soon. Hopefully by mid-month the concrete apron will be poured and then the county will lay down gravel out to the county road. Mike's Fire Extinguisher had performed their annual inspection. Nine extinguishers had reached their life span and will have to be replaced. Seven 10 pound extinguishers (new cost around \$100 each) and two 20 pound extinguishers ((new cost around \$200 each) were on the list. Not all of those will be purchased right away as there are surplus extinguishers that can be utilized for some of those locations. Truck #102 is going to be equipped with a new electric spray unit and Truck #112 will be outfitted with an electric spray unit also.

Assistant Fire Chief Report: Brian reported that #107 a new truck for the department has arrived. It is a Kaiser Jeep 5 ton truck chassis. It has been painted, and equipped with a front sprayer unit. It has a side quick dump so it can be used to shuttle water when needed. Truck #101 has a new battery and #105 has had a fuel tank repair. They are looking in to using remaining grant funds to purchase more of the front electrical spray units. Blakely Township purchased new lights for Station #5 and had them installed. Truck #102 has been power washed and looks quite nice again!

County Extension Agent: Chuck reminded everyone that district elections run from October 1st to November 28th. Jennifer from Emergency Management will be sending out information to the districts in the near future.

Unfinished Business: Garry reported that the possible changes for illegal burning are currently on hold. The court case that raised the question of the legality of that statute is now being appealed by the county that lost the case.

New Business: Bob Forman expressed his appreciation for the training that has been occurring. He had some concerns regarding operation of the radios and wondered if one of the sessions could be held on maintaining and operating the radios. Garry said that a training session on the radios would be held.

Oliver asked for additional information on the new Pleasant View station. Garry said that the building is up and the doors are on. The construction contractor still has the keys as it hasn't been turned over to the county yet, but he encouraged folks to drive by and take a look at the building.

With no further business, Chairman Whitebread adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Otte
Recording Secretary

Geary County Rural Fire Runs by Month

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