

Eastern Shore Regional Fire Training Center

April 2012 Minutes

The Fire Training Center Committee met on Wednesday April 25, 2012 at 1900 hours at the Fire Training Center in Melfa, Virginia

Committee Members Present

Jim LeCato
Jim Myers
Charles Pruitt
Mick Sharpe
KW Ainsworth
Ben Byrd
Terry Gwaltney

Committee Members Absent

Steve Wilson (notified)
Adam Zieger (notified and will miss the next few for job training)
Aaron Warren (Has asked to be removed from the committee but hasn't sent an official letter)

Call To Order:

The April 2012 meeting was called to order by Acting Committee Chairman, Charles Pruitt at 1900 hours. The March 2012 minutes were reviewed and approved by Byrd seconded by Gwaltney with a revision noting that Gwaltney notified the committee of his absence in March.

Consent Agenda:

The April Agenda was presented by Pruitt with no additions. A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Sharpe to accept this month's agenda. Motion approved.

Facility Reports:

Burn Building: Sharpe noted that the heat sensor has been fixed. Pruitt states that he has received two responses to the RFP's that were sent out last month. The committee decided to meet with both firms to start the design and bidding process.

Classroom Building: Pruitt stated that Jim Wert has started construction of the vestibule. Pruitt also noted that the vending machines are being shipped and are in transit from the manufacturer.

The painting of the class room is being done by ACDPS employee's that are on light duty.

Grounds: Pruitt reports that he contacted Truitt's welding about the Hazmat prop and he stated he would get to it as soon as he had time.

Training Delivery Reports:

Pruitt reported that the Rural Water supply and Basic Pump Classes have been canceled due to lack of attendance.

There was a discussion about the annual seminar for next fiscal year and Ainsworth stated that the speaker should be some one that relates to our rural area possibly on the subject of rural water supply. He also mentioned the name Larry Davis for consideration.

Pruitt suggested that the Training Center hold a regional training weekend for the area that concentrates on the hands on portion of firefighting to try and regain interest in classes. He suggested that it have a short classroom session in the morning on Saturday for the officers and then follow it up with several different drills like forcible entry, May Day, etc... Afterwards have a BBQ/pig roast on Saturday night with more training to follow on Sunday. The committee liked the idea but suggested that the pig roast be catered off site.

Gwaltney is to inquire about the ARFF trailer being brought here to have a class for structural fire fighters to learn the basics of airfield firefighting and rescue. He was also going to look into the airport in Melfa to help offset the cost of the prop and the propane used to run it.

Financials:

Training Funds (FY2012)

Pruitt discussed the training funds for FY2012. The Training Center has \$10,375 as of this meeting. The capital improvements were discussed and on a motion by Myers and seconded by Byrd, the Committee decided to combine the Water I & II projects together and add a pumper testing facility to the improvements. This was done so that one grant could be written for the water storage, distribution and pumper testing facility. On a separate motion from Byrd and seconded by LeCato, the Committee approved \$500 dollars to be spent for grant seed money to try using a grant writing firm.

Policy and Procedure:

No discussion was had.

Fallen FF Committee:

Still out to the local fire commission's awaiting their approval and funding.

Scout Committee:

Ainsworth will find out more information from them and report back to the committee.

Old Business:

1. Upon review of the rules and approval from the County Administrator, the storage lockers for the non-firing training guns were approved.
2. The committee wants to re-visit the relocation of the fence line and the acquisition of approximately 2 acres of the County land to coincide with the addition to the burn building. Pruitt stated he would contact Stewart Hall about getting started on the process.

New Business:

1. The Committee decided to have all of their names on the fundraising letter but only have one person's signature at the bottom.
2. The committee wanted to see if District 5 would provide a pump instructor for Tangier's class.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn by Byrd and seconded by Sharpe at 9:00 pm.