

**MICA KIDD ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
April 26, 2016 6:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Chairman Mundt - larrysub3mki@aol.com
Commissioner Arhutick - marhutick@gmail.com
Commissioner Hauser - gretchensub2mki@frontier.com
Chief Blubaum - chief@mkifire.com
Treasurer Swendig – treasurer@mkifire.com
Admin Asst. Saranto - admin@mkifire.com

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mundt called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

NONE

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commissioner Hauser stated Carmen did a fabulous job with the minutes. She had to transcribe two pages of minutes from Chris Shelton's statement from the tape of last months meeting. A copy was requested but he refused to provide it. She would like to see put in policy, if people are allowed to read a written statement that a copy be provided for the record.

Commissioner Hauser: Have we updated the LGIP account?

Chief Blubaum: Yes we have; Chairman Mundt signed the documents.

Commissioner Arhutick moved to approve March 22, 2016 minutes as presented, Chairman Mundt 2nd the motion: **Motion Carried**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Swendig provided bills and financial reports for April 2016.

Check Detail Report:

Commissioner Hauser: On VISA, wix.com for \$299 website. Is this the new website? I haven't looked extensively at it but it looks a whole lot better.

Chief Blubaum: It's the annual fee. Our web site looks better and is a lot more user friendly.

Commissioner Arhutick: FedEx item on 4/20 are those office supplies?

Chief Blubaum: It was for large volume copying, 700 pages. MKI would be reimbursed for it as it was for the North Idaho Fire Chief's Association for the training academy.

Commissioner Hauser: What is NIFC?

Chief Blubaum: North Idaho Fire Chiefs. It was for North Idaho Emergency Academy training registration fees.

Commissioner Hauser: Amazon prime charge?

Chief Blubaum: We order a lot of books and training materials; membership covers the shipping charges.

Commissioner Hauser: 4/18 Capital One Costco?

Chief Blubaum: That is for district supplies.

Hawley Troxell 4 hours was for training workshop put on by John Cafferty.

Commissioner Arhutick: What is Reg. Basic Iron Class? Registration for Basic Iron Training, a fire training class at NIC.

Chairman Mundt moved to approve the Check Detail. Commissioner Hauser 2nd the motion: **Motion Carried**

Treasurer Swendig apologized for not being at last month meeting as she was on vacation. She made a couple of observations when preparing the statements. She was not there for the new truck versus free truck came about. As a volunteer, tax-payer and treasurer she questioned the wisdom of purchasing a 25 year old vehicle to convert to a tender when they were offered free of charge a three-year old truck.

Chairman Mundt: We made the commitment to purchase the truck. He had called Department of Lands prior to making the commitment and they did not have one available and did not have any idea when they would. We operated on information we had and made the decision to move forward.

Treasurer Swendig: Questioned the fiscal responsibility of buying such an old truck.

Chief Blubaum: I do not think this is the appropriate place for this conversation.

Treasurer Swendig: I'm sorry you are correct. We were discussing budget versus actual. The budget versus actual point she wanted to make was professional services, we have switched to a new attorney in the hopes of reducing legal bills. Six months into this year and we are already more than \$1,000 higher legal bills this year then we were in all of fiscal year 14/15. Looking at the breakdown of the bills one of them was to review the lease for Worley Highway for the building next-door, the others appear to be

training bills for our elected commissioners. We are \$1,100 over full year's budget last year and we switched attorneys to save money.

Chairman Mundt: The reality is you can't expect the new people aren't going to have questions for our attorney. If we had Mr. Lempesis we could be paying \$300 an hour instead of \$150 for the same questions being answered. People have questions and need to go to someone for answers. That's why they are doing that. Issues come up, we pursue it.

Treasurer Swendig: I take my duties as treasurer seriously and less than halfway through the year to be at 342% on something like that when we are trying to save money.

Commissioner Hauser: At the last meeting I said more than half of it was on her and she would do it again. The information is important, continues to be important. She just went to a training class that the chief told her to go to. There was a lot of stuff there that John Cafferty talked about at the workshop. There is still going to be questions. At the class they said make sure you call your attorney and get it right in the first place.

Treasurer Swendig: The point I am trying to make is I feel like if I am going to be your Treasurer you are asking me to look at these reports and comment on anything unusual.

Commissioner Hauser: I think we all saw it.

Chairman Mundt: On 6955 new hire expenses?

Chief Blubaum: That is background checks.

Treasurer Swendig: There is one set of fingerprints in there for our EMS providers.

Chief Blubaum: The good news is we are 7 months into it and it looks like were only 50% of our budget right now.

Commissioner Arhutick: That's an item we should possibly increase in the future.

Chief Blubaum: I believe so; it's hard to know how many new people you're going to take on in the year. 6525 information systems we tried to come up with a good ballpark figure of what they would need for the move and are a little over. Other notable is the reimbursed expense 6040 it's a carryover from previous months; that is Look Good Feel Good cancer donation that the volunteers raised money and donated back to. This is a pass through line item.

Commissioner Hauser: What is the Income Dividends 4190?

Chief Blubaum: That is the reimbursed income and donations to the department account.

Treasurer Swendig: In Workmen's Comp. we will get dividends back from unemployment.

Chief Blubaum: If there's a class-action lawsuit we will receive some from that, it's very minimal.

Commissioner Hauser moved to approve the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual. Commissioner Arhutick 2nd the motion: **Motion Carried**

Commissioner Arhutick: The checking is \$425,000 so that extra \$200,000 was transferred into the checking for the possible tender?

Chief Blubaum: Checking is line 1010 and we only have \$12,000 in it. I try to leave everything in the LGIP as long as I can to accrue interest. It's approved to pull from if necessary.

Commissioner Arhutick: Prepaid insurance is that for one month of our insurance for our current provider? \$1615.12

Treasurer Swendig: We are paid up through FY 2016/2017, this is an accounting adjustment.

Chairman Mundt moved to approve the Balance Sheet. Commissioner Hauser 2nd the motion: **Motion Carried**

CHIEF'S REPORT

We moved into the new office after the last meeting. Computers are up and running; we still have some networking cables that need to be ran. It is a much better set up and we're getting everything squared away.

Spent a lot of time last week with Doug Young from Idaho Surveying and Rating Bureau gathering data for him. We are one of two departments that he did under the new rating system, which is done every seven years. They went through a 15 page questionnaire line item by line item. He thinks the rating will drop a point for a lot of people. Last time we were rated we only had one water system, now we have seven.

Chairman Mundt: What were we last time and what are you expecting?

Chief Blubaum: We were 6, 8, 9 and 10. You were a 6 if you were 1000 feet from a fire hydrant, you were an 8 if you were within 5 miles of the district, you were in 9 if you were commercial property within 5 miles of the district, and you were a 10 if you're outside of 10 miles.

Commissioner Arhutick: What commercial properties do we have in the district?

Chief Blubaum: Worley Highway District, Summer camps, Associated Logging Contractors.

Commissioner Arhutick: Basically no commercial businesses like retail?

Chief Blubaum: Correct. They look at those buildings differently than residential because you're not sleeping in them. He's not sure how the new rating system will work, but expects the number to go to five.

Chief Blubaum: Last week he went to the Idaho Fire Chiefs Conference. Participated in all the meetings, vendor show, training sessions and breakout sessions. The big one for us was the legislative issues. "Replica" just passed. It helps us when we take people from out of State that move here and want to be an EMT. If their state is in the Replica PAC nationwide our licenses cross borders. This will be a big help when licensing our personnel with Washington and Montana border so close. Will make process a little easier for people to recertify. Went from 16 venues and 12 tracks to 6 venues and 2 tracks. Time sensitive emergencies in Triage Center legislation passed on EMS side. It opens funding for Kootenai Health help to push back out into the community. Next week the governor will be here to sign legislation on presumptive illness for fire service personnel and will cover volunteers. Important for our guys to have physicals to be able to catch specific kinds of cancers and may be considered a workmen's comp issue down the road. Big topic of conversation was a lot of changes on the horizon coming from Idaho Department of Lands. They are having a meeting on the 13th of next month in Boise that I would like to attend. They are looking at changing how they mobilize their resources and their contractual resources; doing major upgrades and changes to the fire service organization rate book. Had interesting questions and concerns on the red card requirements when they're going to apply when they're not going to apply. This came to the top last year with all the fires and major problems. They retooled the Idaho fire service resource response plan to make it easier for agencies to call for help and easier for agencies to get help in a timelier manner. All the state agencies had good reports. State Fire Marshal was there, Homeland Security, Department of Lands. General Ritchie from Homeland Security said massive moves legislative wise to shore up and secure emergency communications in Idaho. Looking at statewide platform called FirstNet, where every square-meter of ground will be able to receive cell phone coverage. AT&T and Verizon have been contracted to put towers in. At the vendor show I spoke to insurance providers who will be sending packages for review as well as ESIP and ICRIMP. Current policy expires next year. Chief reviews it every year and adjusts various things based on values. A comparison is needed with other providers to know if we are getting a good deal. Chief will do an RFP.

Commissioner Arhutick: The IDL meeting when did you say that was? Chief Blubaum: I believe it's on May 13. Commissioner Arhutick: How many days did you say it was? Chief Blubaum: One day, I would fly down and back on the same day. Commissioner Arhutick: That works for me I think that you should go. The Commissioners agreed that the Chief should attend the upcoming IDL meeting in May.

Chief Blubaum: We had the North Idaho Fire Academy. We sent eight people for training. The Commissioner's class filled up fast. Commissioner Hauser: We heard a lot of the stuff from our training with John Cafferty. Chief Blubaum: Admin. Asst. Saranto and I would like to go to the upcoming one in Lewiston. Commissioner Arhutick: We need to have someone in the office to answer the phones when no one is there.

Commissioner Hauser: On your Chief's report from March 20 who and for what were the two public records request? Chief Blubaum: They were from Chris Shelton for building permits and recording of a meeting. Didn't take much time to do it. She also asked about driveway, roadway and walk-ins? Chief Blubaum: It is when people come in and ask about a project and what they need per fire code before they apply for a permit. No

set standard for driveway requirements. Chief Blubaum has them follow Kootenai County ordinances and at times fire code.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Spokane/Kootenai County Mutual Aid Agreement

Chief Blubaum: Heard back from our attorney who had two questions regarding if the MOU was filed with a specific state agency and he has not heard back from him. He had two recommendations and he is currently trying to track them down. The other question was if Washington had done something with their code. He has a call into the Chief's over there and he has not heard back from them. He will forward information/email from Mr. Cafferty to the commissioners tomorrow concerning these issues.

Chairman Mundt: Requested that information be provided before the meeting so they can prepare for the meeting by having time to read and ask any questions.

b. Long Range Plan for the District-CIP

Commissioner Arhutick: In developing this long-range plan, we have to be sure that we develop within our budget guidelines that were going to have within 5 years and 10 years.

Chief Blubaum: There is money through the counties for some buildings and potentially a station. Chief Bonilla with Donnelly Rural Fire Protection District will provide him with a copy of their plan and he will share that with the commissioners for review. You can take a rural piece of ground for building a satellite station and then within a 5 mile radius you do wildland urban interface mitigation projects. They did GIS, photographed and did mitigation on their entire district which is approximately 118 square miles and has branched out throughout the county. There is some funding available to do those kinds of projects. I don't know if that falls in the CIP.

Commissioner Arhutick: I think it does because you can't do a long-range plan if you don't have money to support the plan.

Chief Blubaum: I think the other aspect that we should start looking at is I have a meeting Wednesday on the countywide all hazard aspect, its part of the annual maintenance piece of that. We did identify some capital improvements that we want to do here so I'll talk with Sandy Von Behren at OEM and see if there's any funding that she knows is available.

Commissioner Arhutick: The problem we face as a rural district is the only income we have comes from the residents of the district. We are not like the City of Coeur d'Alene that has commercial and industrial.

Chief Blubaum: Suggested putting Long Range Plan for the District-CIP on the agenda quarterly.

Commissioner Hauser: Is interested in the information you will be getting from Chief Bonilla with Donnelly Rural Fire Protection District and talking more about that.

Chief Blubaum: It's something that I did put in are all hazard plan that they were starting; every emergency vehicle and the county has a laptop so when the call comes in they just hit the button and it show where the address is, it routes you to it, shows you photos, nearest hydrants, shows you everything. It drove a lot of the fire wise, fire smart programs and it's totally reducing the number of fire calls that they have.

Chairman Mundt: Are funds available for that? Chief Blubaum: Yes, I wanted to know how he did it so he's going to send me some stuff.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Bid Proposals for Water Tender

Chief Blubaum: Sent out the proposals to Klein Products, Schier Company Inc., Pavement Technologies, Smith Equipment and Welding, Boise Mobile Equipment, KME, Hughes Fire Equipment and General Fire/Rosenbauer. Bid closing was on the 19th at noon. Held bid opening at 1:00 with 1 member of the public in attendance. Received 2 bid packets in the mail, one was from Hughes Fire Equipment saying thank you but were not going to be bidding at this time and the other one was from Rosenbauer for \$150,725. Others indicated they could not provide a quote due to not enough time to prepare or were unable to meet specifications. Four exceptions to the specifications:

- a. Drop tank installed on the right side of the vehicle
- b. Suction hose and trays
- c. Seatbelt sensors
- d. Discharge size

Basically the drop tank and the section hose had to be moved to the top of the tank because of the engineering aspects for the weight distribution, for the tilt table aspect. It's a 2500 gallon poly tank with a lifetime warranty. Part of my problem with the bid is I think they've added some stuff that is related to fire engines, not water tender specific. I'm not really happy with the bid.

The bid specs were pretty generic except for one very specific thing and that was the vehicle dimensions so that it would fit in station.

On the chassis that we have Bill Turner & Clint Hull did the work of stripping the chassis and saved \$1400 for the district. Found several issues: has no working lights, windshield wipers don't work, power steering leak, leak on the oil pan, speedometer and odometer, defroster fan does not work. Fuses are good.

Commissioner Arhutick: Did they give you any indication of how long it would take?

Chief Blubaum: Yes, 30 days to do the bid. Delivery on Rosenbauer's bid is 295 to 325 days.

Commissioner Arhutick: Should we resubmit this out for another bid?

Chief Blubaum: After having a chat with Boise Mobile and Hughes if we decided to rebid this they would turn in bids.

Commissioner Arhutick: How much time do they need? Chief Blubaum: 30 days

Chief Blubaum: Another option doesn't go with this chassis; go out to bid for one that's already made. I think that spending \$150,000 on that chassis is the wrong financial move for this district. The height is an issue with this chassis and there is not a lot of clearance under it. This will be a turnkey vehicle when you get it, it will meet the standards but it's a brand-new tank and body components put on an older chassis; I don't know if that chassis crapped out in a few years if you would be able to take that tank and put it on a different chassis.

Chairman Mundt: The first thing that I question is wither or not we need a 1000 GPM pump on a tender. My purpose was to get more water supply. We got a price from Pavement Technologies, stainless steel 2000 gallon tank with NFPA baffles. I am suggesting we purchase that tank from them for \$19,900 and \$3,600 for baffles and have it assembled here. Northwest Machine can install dump gate and drop tank. This would be under \$25,000 so we would not have to go out to bid.

Chief Blubaum: Will they do the engineering aspect of it?

Chairman Mundt: We have talked about having a need for three, what I'd like to do is take this chassis and get it operational as cheaply as possible, do something more elaborate on a different chassis later. Basically were looking for a low-profile, corrosion resistant tank, 2000 to 2500 gallons, stainless steel plumbing. That's my proposal.

Chairman Mundt: Option A re-bid as is, option B rebid this without the pump.

Commissioner Hauser: I thought we talked about needing two; I was under the impression that we were going to build this one starting with this chassis.

Chief Blubaum: Where are you going to put them, when you start buying hundred thousand dollar rigs and parking them outside to me that doesn't make a lot of logical sense? Once this chassis is built it will be parked inside the station.

Commissioner Arhutick: If we go out to rebid again is there anything in our proposal that needs to be changed? Do we specify a low-profile tank? So why don't we rebid it and limit to 2100 gallon tank?

Chief Blubaum: That's up to you guys. Commissioner Hauser: Then we have to wait another 30 days.

Chief Blubaum: We do have to deal with this bid tonight we have three options, vote to fulfill the bid as it stands, vote to throw out all bids and rebid, or are you going to go in a completely different direction. Or a fourth option table it until next meeting.

Chairman Mundt moved to reject the single bid received. Commissioner Hauser 2nd the motion.

Discussion:

Chairman Mundt: Option 1. rebid exactly what we have and try to get more vendors I still think it's going to be in the \$160,000 range, which I find unpalatable and I will not

vote for. Option 2. we could rebid it leaving the pump off and calling it a 2,000 gallon tank and Option 3. do as I suggested, purchase this tank for \$23,500 with the longitudinal baffles and a 2,000 gallon tank and have it fitted to the chassis locally.

Commissioner Arhutick: All this is not discussion on your motion.

Chairman Mundt: All in favor. Roll Call Vote.

Commissioner Arhutick: Yea, Commissioner Hauser: Yea, Chairman Mundt: Yea

Motion Carried

Commissioner Arhutick: I would like to have the bids redone.

Chairman Mundt: I would agree to have them redone if we remove the pump. Apart from that it's going to be so expensive that I'm not going to accept it.

Chairman Mundt moved to purchase 2,000 gallon stainless steel tank from Pavement Technologies for \$19,900, add the NFP baffling for \$3,600. Total cost of \$23,500. Have it installed here with additions. Commissioner Hauser 2nd the motion. Roll Call Vote.

Commissioner Arhutick: Nay, Commissioner Hauser: Yea, Chairman Mundt: Yea

Motion Carried.

Chief Blubaum: You made a motion to purchase this tank, and it 2nd and carried who is responsible for that? Are you going to take that on or do you want us to?

Chairman Mundt: I want you to call Pavement Technologies and order the tank.

Chairman Mundt moved to reopen previous motion temporarily. Commissioner Hauser 2nd the motion. Chairman Mundt was concerned the invoice is dated February 16th. He would like to change the amount to \$24,900 in case there has been a price increase. Commissioner Hauser 2nd the motion. Roll Call Vote.

Chairman Mundt: Yea, Commissioner Hauser: Yea, Commissioner Arhutick: Nay

Motion Carried.

b. MOU with IDL

Chairman Mundt: Mr. Shelton brought up some issues last meeting. I spoke to Mr. Darrington who provided a copy of the current MOU. Copies attached for the record. Signed by Chief Blubaum and BOC Chairman in 2013, with termination in 5 years. Chairman Mundt moved for the current commission to reaffirm the MOU. Motion withdrawn as there was no second. There was limited discussion on who bears responsibility as 7% of the district is tax exempt. Chief stated technically we do not have to respond to Lutherhaven because they do not pay taxes but the department would responded if needed. IDL does tax Lutherhaven and they have a sole jurisdictional responsibility.

c. Weekly Chief's Report

Chairman Mundt: He has received only one report dated April 18th. Commissioners Arhutick and Hauser stated they received all of them. Chief will resend to Chairman Mundt.

Commissioner Hauser discussed the training she went to. Minutes should be produced in a reasonable time frame (3 days) but feels that is unreasonable. At the class it was suggested staff complete timesheet/calendar so the commission will know when people are on and off duty. If nothing is on the calendar expect that they are in the office. Sick time, vacation, training, meetings, or any out of office time should be on there. Chief will add items to the weekly report to notify the BOC of any planned absence. BOC needs to know where they are and when they are out of the office and who is in charge.

d. Meetings

Commissioner Hauser again discussed the training she went to. Any committee of any kind is considered a governing body and must follow the same rules as BOC meeting or any other public meeting. Committee meetings must be noticed, have agenda and have minutes. Idaho case law states the meetings must comply with open public meeting standards per John Cafferty.

e. Minutes of Meetings

Commissioner Hauser: Did the agenda and minutes get sent out to the members of the public? Admin. Asst. Saranto: they did not. She wants to ensure communication with the public. Minutes are long and take time. I asked Carmen if she had called Nancy King who had offered to help her and she said she had not. The training Commissioner Hauser attended said it was acceptable to have a volunteer do the minutes. Chief stated the Dragon software worked out extremely well. Nancy is available to help.

f. Policy

Commissioner Hauser: During our March 22 BOC meeting we approved a policy review committee consisting of one Commissioner, the fire chief, two MKI volunteers and one citizen from the district. While we need fire district personnel to help facilitate these decisions I have thought about it and I feel the committee we voted on last month is pretty heavily weighted with fire personnel 4 to 1. And at the time we voted on it I remember I just wasn't comfortable with it. I believe you need to reach out to more citizens of our district as we work to increase communication and become more transparent and how we operate, I also believe this would provide the committee with a more objective and broader perspective therefore I move to reconsider our policy committee composition decision from the March 22, 2016 BOC meeting. Chairman Mundt 2nd the motion.

Discussion:

Chief Blubaum: What's your proposal to change the composition?

Chairman Mundt: One of things I'd like to mention in this process; the way I see it happening is this committee will meet they will review a bunch of stuff they'll make some recommendation to the board the board will look at it they'll accept it or reject it and what happens then is it's going to the attorney. If the attorney is going to be expected to represent us then I think the attorney should review what we're doing.

Commissioner Hauser moved to reconsider our policy committee composition decision from the March 22nd, 2016 BOC meeting. Chairman Mundt 2nd the motion. **Motion Carried**

Commissioner Hauser moved that the representation of the MKI policy review committee be comprised of 1 commissioner, the fire chief, 2 MKI volunteers and 2 citizens of our district. Commissioner Arhutick 2nd the motion: **Motion Carried**

Commissioner Arhutick moved to have Commissioner Hauser represent the MKI Board on the policy review committee, Chairman Mundt 2nd the motion: **Motion Carried**

g. Treasurer

According to the class Commissioner Hauser attended, one of the members of the board needs to be the secretary and one the treasurer. You can have someone do the work of the treasurer. Commissioner Hauser will get with John Cafferty. Treasurer Swendig suggested John Cafferty contact our auditors because they are happy with how things are set up now.

Chairman Mundt: Thanked Treasurer Swendig for the reports.

h. Access to Office & Fire Station

Chairman Mundt: I have keys here but I don't have keys for the new office. How do we resolve this? Chief spoke to Kevin at Worley Highway concerning keys to the new office. From the class, Commissioner Hauser attended the BOC has a right to access to what they have as well as an obligation. She will get with John Cafferty. Chief will get with Commissioner Hauser to compile questions that need to be asked so there is no duplication.

PUBLIC INPUT

Lynette Arhutick: Who has access to the office? Chief Blubaum: Just Carmen and I have keys and alarm codes to the office.

Lynette Arhutick: In regards to the treasurer situation, she belongs to the Kidd Island Bay Sewer District. They have someone designated as the treasurer and a paid employee that performs the duties. Their accountant liked that they had 2 people to minimize fraud.

Chief Blubaum: MKI has a segregation of duties policy that the auditors like.

Mike Dawson: MKI Volunteer. They have formed a 501C3 Association. They are partnering with the Grange and will be doing a community garage sale at Chad's house on May 14th. Will split 50:50 with the Grange. Any leftovers will go to local thrift stores. They plan to do 6 fundraising events and 6 donation events a year and participate/host various community events. Any money raised will stay in the community. Can be found on Facebook at Mica Kidd Island Volunteer Firefighters Association Inc. Will establish an email list for notification of events.

TJ Merwin: Out of District MKI volunteer. Considering taking special need kids to prom with a fire truck all dressed up in our uniforms. Want to make an impact in the community. Scholarships for various needs, not just college. He has worked on a lot of equipment, has his CDL. Safety is a big thing. We need something that's going to get us from point A to point B safely and efficiently. No one wants their house to burn down. We need to get people here, apparatus staffed, to be able to handle the situation efficiently while waiting for mutual aid. Sooner we are able to operate the more efficient they will be. Tender usage versus personnel. There will be a station set up where they will be drafting water from the lake to the apparatus and transport it to the fire. A pump would make it efficient. Mr. Riske found 2011 International tender for \$125,000 that is ready to go. He also discussed urban interface. IDL will take care of wildland fire, with MKI doing urban interface. MKI will assist IDL on wildland fire but are not geared to do wildland fire. 6 wheel drive is not a necessity.

Jim Wilson: Concerned there appears to be animosity and negative comments. Feels it's not good for the community and we all need to be pulling together. There has been misrepresentation and innuendos and other things going on. IDL has responsibilities but the mission statement of the MKIFPD it states lives and property of individuals. Property means different things: houses, barns, timber, hay ground. Perception is that we want MKI to become a wildland firefighting service. That's not the case. What the request has been to provide training to help local citizens safely know what to do and be able to safely assist the fire district should something happen. Would like to work towards more civility within and amongst ourselves despite differences of opinions. Volunteers are appreciated. What other volunteer opportunities are there that we can get others engaged? Would like to get to a point where we are a community that supports one another not a community that attacks one another.

TJ Merwin: Started in August, multiple applications to choose from, EMS, structural, wildland. Just did training on wildland. Structural fires, he wants to be able to trust the guy behind him with his life. On the fire line he needs the guy behind him to have his back and to trust him. Same concept whether you're digging a line 3 miles from fire or within confined space with fire all around. Chief or Carmen could get anyone the wildland only application and get trained.

Commissioner Hauser: Recalled from the open house the wildland fire fighter only required 156 hours, of training. That is what people did not get. This past summer there was a lot of demand for wildland firefighters that were getting 40 hours of training making it easier for people to do. Start small and people may get more interested and want to learn more. Training requirements can make it become exclusionary. If neighbors can help neighbors, with proper training, there has to be a common ground where it can work for everybody.

Jim Wilson: Is there shorter term training? Chief stated there is a 40 hour wildland class advertised during the open house. Mr. Wilson suggested there be another class before summer. Chief stated he needs to go to the IDL meeting because they are changing how they are training people.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Arhutick: Asked if a public records request form was filled out for the public records request? Chief Blubaum: Yes

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Chairman Mundt moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Arhutick 2nd the motion.
Motion carried 08:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Administrative Assistant Saranto

Approved,


Chairman Larry Mundt

Approved,


Commissioner Mike Arhutick

Approved,


Commissioner Gretchen Hauser