



**PEYTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
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MINUTES

Saturday March 5, 2011
Peyton Fire Protection District Fire Station

1. **Call to Order:** President Leon Gomes called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

- a. **Board Members Present:**

President: Leon Gomes
Vice President: James Fraas
Director: Patrick Palacol
Treasurer: David Stoddard (Present on March 5, 2011 only)
Secretary: Bill Beary (Present on March 5, 2011 only)

- b. **Board Members Absent:**

Treasurer: David Stoddard (Excused absence on March 8, 2011)
Secretary: Bill Beary (Excused absence on March 8, 2011)

- c. **Others Present:**

March 5, 2011: Erin Beary, Jack Rauer, Alice Levering, Sharon Brown, Nathan Hale, Jeff Thorpe, Kim Thorpe, Angel Macaulay, Joseph Cosgrove, Steve Whitaker, Kent Smith, Mike Deckard Sr., Mike Deckard Jr., Michael DellArio, Cody Crumpler, Allen Whiteside, Abby Whiteside, Marsha Looper

March 8, 2011: Jack Rauer, Erin Beary, Sharon Brown, Joe Cosgrove, Cody Crumpler, Mike Deckard Sr., Mike Dell' Ario, Nathan Hale, Rob Nordeman, Kent Smith

2. **Approval of Agenda:** The Board President added Executive Session to Old Business as authorized by C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e) and C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f)(1). The Board President also moved Public Comment to occur immediately after Agenda Approval. The revised agenda was approved 5-0 on a motion by Mr. Fraas and second by Mr. Palacol.

3. **Public Comment:**

- a. Steven Whitaker.

- Eliminating the paid chief position is a step back to 2006.
- Volunteer chiefs are a problem due to lack of stability and consistency.

- He supports the process, but not the decision.
- How is the Board going to provide the District a stable environment?

b. Alice Levering.

- Agrees 1000 percent with Steve Whitaker
- Board does not realize all that Chief does.
- Who will come in on a volunteer basis and do all that?
- What is the plan? How will this work?
- How do we know they (the former firefighters) will be treated fairly? She believes that up to now they have not been.

c. Lynn Van Sickler

- QUESTION: How will public know what happens in the Executive Session?

ANSWER: No policy changes or decision will be made today. Decisions will be deferred to the public regular Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

d. Kim Thorpe.

- Make sure that the firefighters know that they have the right to an open session.

ANSWER: For the personnel matters involving Chief Rauer, they will not be conducted in open session.

e. Marsha Looper.

- We know we have a problem.
- She hopes that the Board will listen to the firefighters.
- Glad to see that the Board decided to get a new Chief in June (2011).
- Board promised to reduce insurance through ISO rating.

f. Kent Smith

- Thanks to the Board for seeking to understand the issues.
- Thanks to the Board members for apologizing where needed.

4. Old Business

a. Fire Department Personnel Matters and Negotiations.

(1) **BOARD DECISION**: Mr. Gomes made a motion to move to Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters and Negotiations in accordance with C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e) and C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f)(1). Mr. Beary seconded the motion. Board vote:

Yes: 5 No: 0 **Motion carried**

(2) The Board President adjourned the open session at 9:21AM.

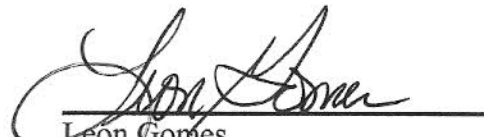
- (3) The Board President convened Executive Session at 9:33AM.
- (4) The Board President recessed from Executive Session at 12:50PM to be continued at a later time.
- (5) The Board President convened Open Session at 12:52PM.
- (6) **BOARD DECISION**: Mr. Fraas made a motion to move to continue the Executive Session at 5:00PM on March 8, 2011 to discuss Personnel Matters and Negotiations in accordance with C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e) and C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f)(1). Mr. Stoddard seconded the motion. Board vote:
- Yes: 5 No: 0 **Motion carried**
- (7) The Board President reconvened Open Session at 5:00PM on March 8, 2011. Mr. Beary and Mr. Stoddard were not present as noted in paragraph 1.b.
- (8) **BOARD DECISION**: Mr. Fraas made a motion to move to Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters and Negotiations in accordance with C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e) and C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f)(1). Mr. Palacol seconded the motion. Board vote:
- Yes: 3 No: 0 **Motion carried**
- (9) The Board President adjourned from Open Session at 5:05PM on March 8, 2011.
- (10) The Board President convened the Executive Session at 5:07PM to discuss Personnel Matters and Negotiations in accordance with C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e) and C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f)(1).
- (11) The Board President adjourned from Executive Session at 6:20PM, March 8, 2011.

5. **Announcements**: None

6. **Adjournment**: Board President Gomes adjourned the Special Board meeting at 6:20PM March 8, 2011.



William Beary
Secretary
Peyton Fire Protection District



Leon Gomes
President
Peyton Fire Protection District