

**LOOKING GLASS REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
7720 W. Grand River Hwy.
Grand Ledge MI 48837**

**Minutes of Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority Meeting
May 19, 2010
6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with The Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Board Members Present: **Therrian, Clark, Mitchell, Simmons and Adams.** **Crego absent with notice.** Chief Fabiano was also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Email to Townships regarding payment for fire truck chassis**
- **Correspondence from John McGlinchey**

AGENDA APPROVAL: **Mitchell** would like to add a stipend to the agenda and **Fabiano** would like to add discussion on a grant approval. **Motion by Simmons,** seconded by **Adams** to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion passed.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion by Adams,** seconded by **Simmons** to approve the minutes of April 21, 2010 as presented. **Motion passed.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Motion by Mitchell,** seconded by **Therrian** to approve the bills as presented. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS:

Chief's Report:

Chief Fabiano discussed the \$42,000.00 grant which is saving \$33,000.00 on the truck but they purchased new air packs with the other approximate \$9,000.00.

Chair's Report:

Financial Review-**Clark** commented on the financials of the authority.

Establish date for Budget Committee Meeting –The Budget Committee will meet June 16, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

Personnel Committee update-**Adams** stated that they have one more meeting and then they will refer everything back to the board.

Equipment Committee Report-The committee will be meeting on June 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

PENDING BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion/Action on Attorney for LGRFA-**Clark** would like to talk to a couple of firms that are familiar with the Labor Laws. **Motion by Adams**, seconded by **Simmons** to request proposals from 4 or 5 local law firms in labor employment area. **Motion passed.**
2. Discussion/Action on Fire Truck Payment-**Clark** commented that the townships would provide the funds and he will forward the invoices to the townships. We will send copies of the invoices to each township for their records. The authority will pay for the truck from the original invoice.
3. Discussion/Action on Matching Grant Fund Expenditure-**Fabiano** stated that the grant that they received the matching part is \$2,100.00 and Lansing, Meridian and Williamston Townships all received the same type of grant and will be purchasing the same type of air packs. If LGRFA purchases with them they will get a bigger discount. **Fabiano** wanted to be sure that he can have the funds because the purchase needs to be made in the next couple of weeks. No action needed.
4. EMS Training Grant-There are some training aids that LGRFA could use as well as EKG monitor. This is about \$60,000.00 worth of equipment which the grant would require a 5% match of approximately \$3,000.00. The grant is due May 28th. It doesn't cost anything to submit a grant but there needs to be approval because of the matching funds required. **Motion by Simmons** seconded by **Therrian** to apply for the training aids and the EKG monitoring grant-the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of \$60,000.00 with a 5% match. **Motion passed.**
5. Stipend Discussion- **Mitchell** commented on how the stipend is paid and the requirements for it. He feels that the Board Members do everything they are supposed to do for the month and then something comes up and they can't make the monthly meeting, they should still get their stipend for it. **Clark** commented that Watertown Trustees get a small salary as well as getting paid for meetings. If they don't go to a meeting, they don't get that meeting stipend. Eagle is also paid a very small salary monthly regardless of their meeting attendance with the assumption that they are still continuing their duties even if they are not at the monthly meeting. Eagle trustees are paid \$110.00 per month. **Clark** would not feel comfortable with "allowing" people to skip meetings and still get paid. He stated that that has not happened but it could be a possibility in the future. **Therrian** stated that he feels it is a public service and doesn't matter if he is paid or not. This item was tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

**ADJOURNMENT- Motion by Adams, seconded by Simmons to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**

Date Approved

Ken Mitchell, Secretary