

**MINUTES**

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<b>Present:</b>	Scott Blower, Bryan Hawkins, Janet Lancaster, Dave Mathews, John Maupin, Rick McClintock, Richard Wharton, Dorothy Yetter, Austin Price – Rural Metro, Jason Folkstad – County Fire, Mike Shaw – State Fire Marshal, Mike McLaughlin – Fire Defense Board Chief, Commissioner Darin Fowler – Liaison, Sara Rubrecht – Staff, Annette Sorensen - Staff
<b>Absent:</b>	Charlie Chase, Mike Jones, Harry Mackin, Jeff Wolf, Dave Larson – ODF
<b>Public Attendees:</b>	Sue Densmore
<b>Recorder</b>	Annette Sorensen

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Wharton called the meeting to order 4:03 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Roll call taken by Annette Sorensen

**3. Resignation of Vivian Kirkpatrick-Pilger**

Chair Wharton notified the group that Vivian resigned from the committee. We will make the BCC aware as they will decide if they would like to refill that position. Chair Wharton also introduced Mike Shaw as our State Fire Marshal's Office representative.

**4. Status Update**

- Standards

The Standards have been reviewed by Legal Counsel and have been emailed to committee members along with a memo from Counselor Wally Hicks. This topic will be revisited when the group has had time to read the memo from Wally.

- Contract

Commissioner Fowler notified the group that the BCC officially adopted the contract with Public Consulting Group today. A copy has been emailed to committee members today.

**5. Survey Results and Discussion**

As a result of the survey results from the group, Chair Wharton surmised that Tuesday would be best for everyone as long as it was between 3-5, not evenings. The combination of Zoom and in-person meetings seemed popular. The feedback of frequency of meetings was divided but having them every two weeks based on the workload, unless something special comes up, should work. The group will finish the Alternatives and whatever the Board would like done. After that, the group may be in a semi-holding pattern until work begins with the consultant.

The next meeting will be a hybrid meeting at EOC and Zoom on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00.

**6. Matters from Committee Members**

John Maupin made a motion to **Support the Board's intent to put an RFPD (Rural Fire Protection District) on the May 2021 ballot.** Janet Lancaster seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Commissioner Fowler answered Janet's question that the BCC will consider the consultant's and the fire committee's recommendation on putting an RFPD on the May ballot.

Chair Wharton reviewed that the BCC has given the committee general direction that they want to wait for an independent review. He believes a vote by the committee would be appropriate after the consultant's report and recommendation.

Dave Mathews is concerned that it may be too early to take this vote it may inadvertently influence the consultant.

Dorothy Yetter could see the committee taking a vote on what the committee thinks is the best alternative based on their analysis, providing that the public can support it and get to a solution. The committee will have a loud voice with the consultant and can work with the consultant to hear what the community has to say.

Scott Blower stated that he thought it was premature to take this vote at this time. The group has the chance to be a strong partner with the consultant. It will not get through the BCC to a ballot if the committee and consultant are not on the same page and it may be too early to dictate that page.

Janet stated she is not in agreement with the majority.

Chair Wharton said he believes the committee does need to take a vote on support on what the committee thinks is the best resolution for a rural fire protection district. It would be premature taking it prior to the consultant's information. It may be a good half year before they have to worry about taking a position that could be adversarial to the BCC or consultant or biasing the consultant or the BCC and alienating the BCC.

Roll call vote taken:

Yes - 2: Janet Lancaster, John Maupin

No - 4: Scott Blower, Dave Mathews, Rick McClintock, Richard Wharton,

Abstain - 2: Bryan Hawkins, Dorothy Yetter

Motion failed

Richard and Rick would like to revisit this in November.

Annette answered Janet's question and will let the committee know about the kick-off meeting with the consultant.

Annette and Richard answered Janet's question and explained that the boundaries map can not be created until there is clear definition on what the rural district would be.

## **7. Ex Officio Member Update**

Nothing reported

## **8. BCC Liaison Report**

Commissioner Fowler acknowledged that the committee has created some documents and ideas that will be very useful to the consultant. He has met with some members of the committee individually and encourages other members that would like to meet with him to call Annette or the office to schedule.

Annette informed the committee that she has confirmed with Wally that a vacant position is not counted against the number needed for a quorum.

Darin clarified to Janet that last week he wanted to caution the committee that the consultant may not agree with what the committee has come up with.

Meeting ended at 4:34 p.m.

## **WORKSHOP –**

Workshop began at 4:34 p.m.

Committee members can send notes on the options pro, cons and additions to Dorothy electronically by Wed. 6/17. Dorothy will send it to Annette by Friday. Dorothy suggested that everyone review the document before the meeting.

Sara mention to the committee that the website has been updated and if there is something missing or in a different location to let her know.

The committee appreciates all of Dorothy and Sara's work.

John said he would like to do pros and cons for the status quo.

Scott made a motion to adjourn, Dorothy seconded the motion.

Workshop ended 4:41 p.m.

Next Meeting June 23, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom and EOC