

LACOMBE REGIONAL FIRE SERVICE

BOARD MEETING

January 18, 2000

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REGULAR MEETING

Present:	Marilyn Sharp - Chairman	Lacombe County
	George Weenink	Lacombe County
	Ken Koob	Town of Lacombe
	Wayne Armishaw	Town of Lacombe
	Ken Kendall	Town of Lacombe
	Terry Hager	Lacombe County
	Fred Millar	Regional Fire Chief
	Bill Jackson	Lacombe Fire Chief
	John Veuger	Member From the Floor

1. Call to Order

Marilyn Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: By Wayne Armishaw that the agenda be adopted as circulated.  
Carried.

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion: By Ken Koob that the minutes to the December 2, 1999 meeting be adopted as circulated and amended.  
Carried.

4. Business Arising From Previous Minutes

4.1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Terry Hager assumed Chairmanship of the meeting to call for nominations for the Chair of Lacombe Regional Fire Service.

Motion: By Ken Koob that Marilyn Sharp be named permanent Chair for the year 2000.  
Carried.



#### 4.6 Fire Department Organization

Chief Millar stated that the elections had been held January 10, 2000 and all positions had been filled. 10 members passed probation and 4 Lieutenant positions have been established to ease the work load of the Captains, to provide for succession planning and to give something for junior members to aspire to. Bill Jackson and Dan Stingel will be staying on as Volunteer Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief respectively. Bill Jackson will have no fire suppression duties but will conduct administrative duties and fire investigations.

#### 5. Financial

There was no formal financial statement to discuss because of the ongoing nature of the position at present. There will be a formal financial statement ready for the next meeting. Chief Millar provided an overview of money spent or committed to date - vehicle approx \$32,000, spray in bed liner \$400, canopy \$1400, radio \$700 and light bar and siren system \$1800 and computer system \$2000.

#### 6. Report From Administrative Support

##### 6.1 Regional Fire Chief

The Chief stated that he felt very good about the department, its members and the way ahead. He conducted a town hall meeting with the fire fighters without management present to discuss his vision for the department. Chief Millar is firmly convinced that the Board and both Councils must become more involved in recognition programs for the Department. Presenting certificates and promotions in a more formal setting will provide a positive boost to a member's self-esteem. The publicity will also provide the public insight into how their tax dollars are spent.

##### 6.2 Lacombe Fire Chief

Bill Jackson echoed Chief Millar's comments and added that he felt that the Department's membership was committed to the organization and were ready to concentrate on fire fighting and training. They are excited about the ideas being presented and the enhanced opportunities for advancement. He also stated that he would continue his services in the Department and would stay on as long as the Board wished.

6.3 Member From the Floor

John Veuger was elected as Member From the Floor on January 10, 2000. He stated that he has very limited knowledge of what this position requires but is willing to learn. He sees himself as an avenue for the general membership to have a voice in the operation of the Department. On occasion there was some feeling that concerns were not passed up the chain and he will try his utmost to provide effective representation for those who elected him. He contacted all the department membership in the past week and has a list of concerns to work on. Ken Kendall requested that any concerns be dealt with at the lowest possible level. Any concerns the Fire Chief felt the Board should deal with would be submitted in writing as agenda items.

7. New Business

7.1 Marilyn Sharp discussed types and levels of service to be provided by the Fire Department. Chief Millar will prepare a position paper for the next meeting.

7.2 Chief Millar discussed new vehicle acquisition. Both County and Town vehicles, especially pumpers are old and almost at the end of their recommended life span. The possibility of joint ventures between town and county are worthy of further investigation. Chief Millar will prepare a discussion paper on vehicles for the next meeting.

7.3 Ken Koob wished to know what steps were being taken regarding presentations to local communities on the Regional Fire Service. Chief Millar stated there were no firm plans as yet but suggested presentations be made to councils by members of the Review Committee and himself. Terry Hager suggested and the Board members agreed that any proposed presentation be reviewed and approved by the Board.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Fire Hall on March 14, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Motion: By George Weenink that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.  
Carried.

Original signed by FG Millar  
Recording Secretary

Original signed by Marilyn Sharp  
Chairman