

LACOMBE REGIONAL FIRE SERVICE ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING  
ALIX FIRE DEPARTMENT  
September 28, 2005

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Present:	Bill Knight - Chairman	Lacombe County
	Mary-Louise Lopish	Village of Alix
	Marlene Kortzman	Village of Alix
	Ken Wigmore	Lacombe County
	Dawn Parent	Town of Lacombe
	Pamela Hansen	Town of Bentley
	Peter Steringa	Village of Clive
	Mitch Krescy	Town of Eckville
	Tim Timmons	Lacombe County
	Fred Millar	Regional Fire Chief
	Steve Duffin	Alix Deputy Chief
	Monte Zaytsoff	Clive Fire Chief
	Hal Phillips	Eckville Fire Chief
	Andrie Anderson	Mirror Fire Chief
	Cameron Milne	Floor Member
Absent:	Jim Dixon	Town of Lacombe
	Patrick Lynch	Village of Alix
	Ken Kendall	Town of Lacombe
	Jim Von Hollen	Alix Fire Chief
	Bill Garries	Bentley Fire Chief
	Tom Fisher	Lacombe Fire Chief

1. Call to Order

Bill Knight called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

There were no amendments to the Agenda.

Motion: By Ken Wigmore that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

There were no errors or omissions in the minutes.

Motion: By Mitch Krescy that the minutes of June 1, 2005 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. Business Arising From Previous Minutes

4.1 Regional Fire Service Crest

Chief Garries was absent so this item will be carried over to the next meeting.

#### 4.2 Volunteer Insurance Coverage

Tim Timmons presented further information regarding insurance coverage for volunteers.

The County's insurer has informed the County that a joint policy could be issued to the County and partner municipalities. The main problem area is the varying coverages between the municipalities.

Tim Timmons stated that when the insurance comes up for renewal in 2006, a joint policy would be purchased.

#### 4.3 Joint Equipment Purchasing

Chief Millar informed the Board that a Chief's meeting had not been held to discuss this item, but there had been discussion through e-mail.

He stated that the Chiefs were in agreement and that that they would still be given the types of bunker gear, helmets and boots that they requested.

Motion: By Pam Hansen Items 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 be accepted for information.

Carried

#### 5. Information

##### 5.1 Clive Equipment Van

Tim Timmons informed the group that the Municipal Sponsorship Grant application had been approved in the amount of \$80,000. The Village of Clive and Lacombe County had agreed to cost share the remaining costs. Total cost of the van is estimated to be \$150,000.

##### 5.2 Lacombe Fire Department Water Truck

Chief Millar stated that the chassis for the truck was not yet delivered.

##### 5.3 Alix Fire Department FF Transport Vehicle

Tim Timmons informed the Board that the Village of Alix and Lacombe County had agreed to the joint purchase of a transport vehicle for Alix Fire Department.

It would be a Ford F550 chassis with a diesel engine.

##### 5.4 Lacombe Fire Department Aerial Vehicle

Chief Millar informed the Board that the Town's Municipal Sponsorship Grant application was still pending. A decision is expected by the end of October 2005.

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5.5 Lacombe Fire Fighter's Christmas Ball

Chief Millar informed the group that Lacombe Fire Department was hosting a Fire Fighters Christmas Ball at Lacombe Memorial Center on November 19, 2005. Cost was \$45.00 per ticket, \$75.00 per couple or \$300.00 per table.

Motion: By Peter Steringa that Items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 be accepted for information.

Carried.

6. Reports From Technical Support

6.1 Alix Fire Department

Deputy Chief Duffin informed the group that there had been a response to the Senior's Lodge. The alarm was as a result of an alarm panel malfunction. The panel had been replaced.

6.2 Bentley District Fire Chief

Chief Garries was absent and did not submit a written activity report. Chief Millar informed the group that there continued to be perceived border issues between Bentley Fire Department and Sylvan Lake.

Chief Millar stated that these issues could never be totally resolved and were caused by such things as people not knowing where they were or cell phone towers forwarding calls to the wrong dispatch center.

6.3 Clive District Fire Chief

Chief Zaytsoff submitted a written activity report.

He thanked those involved for the new rescue vehicle. They were very happy with it and it had been used operationally for the first time on September 23, 2005.

6.4 Eckville District Fire Chief

Mitch Krescy informed the group that the Grand Opening of the new Emergency Services building had been a great success. 125 people attended.

Eckville Fire Department had hosted an S100 Vehicle Extrication course.

The department had responded to 8 Motor Vehicle Collisions, 3 medical assistance, 5 fire responses and 3 others not specified.

6.5 Mirror District Fire Chief

Chief Anderson did not submit a written report.

He informed the Board that Mirror Fire Department was in dire straits. They only have 3 active members and when Chief Anderson leaves for his new employment, there will only be 2 active members.

Bill Knight asked Tim Timmons to arrange a publicity campaign and to have a meeting with the 2 remaining members.

6.6 Lacombe Member From The Floor

Cameron Milne reported that there were no personnel issues at Lacombe Fire Department.

He informed the group that he is the department's contact with the Lacombe MADD organization and there is still concerns regarding responses to grad parties.

Chief Millar will arrange a meeting with stakeholders to discuss this problem well in advance of graduation season.

6.7 Lacombe District Fire Chief

Chief Fisher was absent but had submitted a written report. Lacombe Fire Department has responded to 127 calls at the year to date, mostly motor vehicle related.

Chief Millar informed the group that the application to hold a raffle was still ongoing and should be approved soon.

6.8 Regional Fire Chief

Chief Millar submitted a written activity report.

He stated that he would be helping Ken Kendall with regards to planning for the pandemic and that the upcoming LCMAO annual exercise would be dealing with this matter.

Motion: By Mitch Krescy to accept Items 6.1 to 6.8 for information.

Carried

7. New Business

7.1 Lacombe County Budget Requests

Chief Millar informed the Board that he had received the requests and forwarded them to the County.

7.2 Regional Fire Service Draft Budget

Chief Millar submitted the draft budget for Lacombe Regional Fire Service. He stated the main changes were due to personnel costs and a change in how the province provided training grants to departments.

The change regarding grants was that a grant was given to Central Alberta Fire Training Association who administered the grants. These grants paid for all costs so there was no opportunity for revenue generation on Chief Millar's part. The upside is that there was no cost to the municipal partners other than mileage and reimbursement by the County for taking a fire etc. course.

Motion: By Pam Hansen to accept the draft budget as circulated.

Carried

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Clive Fire Hall on February 22, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Motion: By Dawn Parent that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Carried

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Recording Secretary

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Chairman