

MISSISSIPPI FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014

MINUTES

The Executive Board Meeting of the Mississippi Fire Fighters Association was duly called, conveyed, and held on Thursday, JANUARY 22, 2014, BRANDON CITY HALL (MID WINTER CHIEFS CONF).

The meeting was called to order at 1535 hrs by John Pope, President. A quorum was announced with the following members being present:

Josh Swales

Terry Tucker

Jason Watkins

John Pope

Scott Berry

Ronnie McGilberry

Mark Brown

Henry Outlaw Jr.

Richard Stampley

Steve Seal

Richard Murden

Jennifer Williams

*Pres. Pope welcomed everyone to the meeting.

*Pres. Pope advised that FF Legislative Day is being held tomorrow (1/23/14) at 1330 hrs at the State Capital. There will also be a Legislative Dinner to follow at the Capital Club at 1730hrs.

*There will also be a press conference held at the Capital for the FF's at 1330hrs to discuss the LODD bill that has been submitted to increase the funding from \$65,000 to \$100,000.

*Pres. Pope advised there will be another press conference for the same bill on 1/30/14 at 1330hrs and this time it will have FF, LEO, and EMA personnel for representation.

* S. Berry motion to cover travel expenses for anyone that comes to the press conference on 1/30/14. 2nd Watkins, no discussion, all in favor.

*Pres Pope advised that CFSI (congressional fire services institute) is being held on 4/29-5/1/14 this year and the MFFA needs representation again.

*S. Berry motion to send the following 6 Executive Board Members to CFSI 4/29-5/1/14 in Washington DC and MFFA pay all expenses: John Pope, Terry Tucker, Josh Swales, Jason Watkins, Ronnie McGilberry, and Steve Seal. 2nd J. Watkins, no discussion, all in favor.

*Pres. Pope advised that after just 6 months the State Of Mississippi has collected just over \$56,000 in car tag money for the MFFA!

* S. Seal had the floor to discuss the 2014 MFFA Summer Conf in Gulfport MS. He advised the host hotel would be the Courtyard Marriot at a rate of \$109 per night and the vendors would be at the Courtyard also. There would also be several types of hands on training at the conf such as rope training and vehicle extrication. They will also host a golf tourn, fun run, bonfire on the beach, and excursions to ship island.

* March 6, 2014 will be the next MFFA mtg in Gulfport, this will be a site visit prior to conf.

*J Williams motion to cover travel expenses for all Executive Board Members to the MFFA site Visit mtg in Gulfport MS. 2nd J Watkins, no discussion, all in favor.

*S. Seal advised that a Senator dropped a bill that would give all Volunteer FF's a \$1,000 state tax credit. He also advised another bill has been dropped to give all Volunteer FF's a 50% in state college tuition reduction as long as the Vol. has been an active member of the FD for 5 consecutive years.

*S Seal suggested the MFFA do a demographic survey to all Vol FF's in the State of Miss so we can use those numbers when we suggest bills and such to our Legislators.

* R. McGilberry motion for the MFFA to move forward with creating a demographic survey for Vol FF's and posting this survey. 2nd T Tucker, no discussion, all in favor.

*S Seal motion for Executive Board to go ahead and set date for 2015 MFFA Summer Conf being held in Tupelo MS as 5/28-5/31/15. 2nd J Williams, no discussion, all in favor.

*S Berry motion to adjourn. 2nd T Tucker, no discussion, all in favor.