

Special Meeting
Brodhead Fire Commission
March 22, 2023
5:00 P.M.
Brodhead Fire Station

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

2. Roll Call to determine if a quorum is present.

Present- S. Hazeltine, A. Schneider, P. Faessler, T. Simpson, P. Naramore, C. Jones

3. Motion to deviate from the order of the agenda if necessary.

Motion made by T. Simpson to approve the agenda as presented.

Seconded A. Schneider

Motion Passed

4. New Business

a. Possible hiring of a consultant for efficiency study of operation of the Brodhead Fire District

Discussion/Action:

A. Schneider started by giving background on why the consultant was being looked at for hire. During negotiation of dissolution. Rural Association brought up possible consultant input in helping with resolving the issues with the dissolution. 1 rep from the city agreed with pursuing a consultant at the time.

T. Simpson made a motion to table the discussion of hiring a consultant.

Seconded by P. Faessler

Second motion made by C. Jones to table discussion hiring consultant but discuss proposal.

Seconded by A. Schneider

5 Aye 1 No

Motion to allow discussion regarding initial proposal amending primary motion

Seconded by A. Schneider

6 aye

Motion carried

P. Faessler feels there needs to be a strong deterrent to dissolution of the fire district before hiring a consultant.

C. Jones mentioned his example of what a deterrent may look like.

From discussion with EMS they will only merge if the deterrent to dissolution is in place and need to get EMS back to the table for discussion.

S. Hazeltine would like to see McGrath or a representative come and do a presentation. When T. Simpson had talked with the firm they would send Chief from South Shore Fire if we were to have a presentation or in-person discussion on the proposal.

Alice Franks-Gray-Brodhead Fire Dist PIO- Alice gave a little background on herself. She was EMS Service Div./Lieutenant for the Milton FD, After reading the proposal from McGrath Alice doesn't feel this fits what Brodhead Fire is looking to accomplish. It targets more of the lines of a full time department.

5. Commission Comments or Questions:

This is the Commission's opportunity to speak about anything that is not a specific agenda item.

6. Discussion/Possible Action on future agenda items and next meeting date and time:

No schedule meeting to discuss consultant-

Rural will have a meeting next Weds. March 29, 2023 4:00 PM Decatur Town Hall

7. Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn at 6:00 PM by C. Jones

Seconded by A. Schneider

Meeting adjourned

Heather Osborne

Brodhead Fire District Admin. Asst.