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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

9:00 AM

BOCC Meeting Room

GOVERNING BODY OF FIRE DISTRICT #1

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF FIRE DISTRICT #1

REGULAR MEETING

October 5, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas, was called to order at 9:19 a.m. on October 5, 2016 in the County Commission Meeting Room in the Courthouse in Wichita, Kansas, by Chairman James M. Howell, with the following present: Chair Pro-Tem Commissioner Richard Ranzau; Commissioner David Unruh; Commissioner Tim Norton; Commissioner Karl Peterjohn; Mr. Michael Scholes, County Manager; Mr. Thomas Golden, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Thomas Stolz, Assistant County Manager; Mr. Eric Yost, County Counselor; Mr. David Spears, Bureau of Public Works; Mr. Dan Wegner, Fire Marshall, Fire District No. 1; Ms. Kate Flavin, Public Information Officer; Ms. Laura Billups, Deputy County Clerk.

Guests:

Mr. Nicholas Krehbiel, Chief Compliance Officer, Kanza Cooperative Association.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported, after calling roll, that all Commissioners were present.

Chairman Howell said, "Next item, please."

Roll Call

PUBLIC AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

- A** [16-633](#) ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM KANZA COOP ASSOCIATION.
Presented by: Larry Tangney, Deputy Fire Chief, Sedgwick County Fire District 1.
- RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the donation of a cofferdam and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.
- PUBLIC COMMENT
- VISUAL PRESENTATION
- Mr. Dan Wegner, Fire Marshall, Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1, greeted the Commissioners and said, "One of the functions of the Fire Department, besides responding to medical calls and fires, is we do technical rescue. In the realm of*

technical rescue, we're involved in grain elevator rescues for people that have been engulfed in the grain while they're working in these silos.

"The Kanza cooperative has donate a cofferdam to our Fire Department, which will not only allow us to work in these environments, within Sedgwick County but also part of a regional rescue team, it allows us to go outside our community and help other communities that may not have these resources. We've got a picture up here of what a cofferdam is. It's a device that goes around the victim that's been engulfed in the grain. This one that they're donating actually has an auger in there that's hooked up to like a driller and will take the grain away.

"In the past, what we've had to do is put in plywood or other types of devices to stop the grain from burying these people and then go in there and scoop the grain out one little scoop at a time. It's very labor intensive and it's very hard on our people. We've had one rescue recently this year and that's what made this donation possible, is we identified a need and this group was willing to donate this to us. So again, this is a very serious thing, you just can't reach in and pluck these people out of the grain. It looks like you can just lift them out, and it's not going to happen that way.

"I do have Nick Krehbiel, from the Kanza Cooperative [Association] here to talk as soon as we're done here. But, what I would like to do is ask the Board to accept this donation and then send a letter of appreciation to the Kanza Cooperative."

MOTION

Commissioner Norton made a motion to accept the donation of a cofferdam and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Peterjohn seconded the motion.

Chairman Howell said, "We have a motion and a second and thank you for all this information this morning. I didn't know what a cofferdam was, but I've learned something this morning. Thank you for sharing that. We do have public comment on this agenda item. So, I'd like to ask is there anybody in the audience that would like to make any comments regarding this agenda item? Alright, seeing none, did you say there was somebody else that was here from the Coop [Cooperative]?"

Mr. Wegner said, "Yes, we have Mr. Nick Krehbiel, from the Kanza Cooperative here."

Chairman Howell said, "Do they want to share some comments? Please, come on up. Thank you, give us your name one more time please."

Mr. Nicholas Krehbiel, Chief Compliance Officer, Kanza Cooperative Association, greeted the Commissioners and said, "First of all, I appreciate you accepting this. This is something that we at Kanza [Cooperative Association] like to do in all of the counties that we operate in. We are headquartered in Iuka, Kansas, about five miles north of Pratt, in Pratt County. We cover Pratt and Stafford and Sedgwick County and parts of Harvey County.

"On January 1st, Kanza acquired Andale Farmers' Cooperative and that's how we were able to now be a part of Sedgwick County. So, we're excited to be over here. This is something that we like to do in all of the counties for fire and rescue. We know that it's something that helps all of the cooperatives, all of the agri [agriculture] business, all of the farmers in the area. Because, grain entrapment is an issue not just in our industry but in all facets of grain and grain handling. It only takes a couple

of feet of grain to entrap a person, once it gets above your knees your pretty much stuck.

"It's something that we are dedicated to at our company making sure that our employees are kept as safe as we can possibly keep them, through continuing training, new training and making sure that we have all the proper equipment in our company and in our communities to try and help everybody out. So, we're excited to be a part of Sedgwick County and excited to be working with your fine fire and rescue team here and look forward to many years of on-going cooperation."

Chairman Howell said, "Well, it's such a great topic. Thank you for presenting that to the county. I really do appreciate that. I do hear once in a while of this type of an accident happening and frankly, it's one of the most difficult situations I'm sure trying to find a way to quickly rescue that person out of that grain. It's such a dangerous situation. So, I didn't know how that was done and knowing there is special equipment to make that easier. It's great to know that. It's great to have that in our arsenal of tools ready to go to save lives. So, thank you for presenting that to us. Other Comments? Commissioner Norton has other comments."

Commissioner Norton said, "Thank you, Nick, for being here today. I was an elected official and Mayor of Hayesville, when the DeBruce grain elevator exploded. So, I was very involved in that. That was not only a grain dust explosion and rescue but it was also entrapment. That's a very scary situation for not only those that are working there but for the first responders that have to go into that situation knowing it's dangerous, and they're limited in time to make the rescue. So I think this is going to be great. I would ask where it's going to be stored. Maybe we could get some information on that. I know I have huge grain elevators down in my district. So I want to be sure it's close at hand if we have any kind of situation."

Mr. Krehbiel said, "Okay, I can't actually speak to that."

Mr. Wegner said, "Thank you, Commissioner. Sedgwick County does have a local technical rescue team and we're also part of the regional response team. This will be housed with Sedgwick County on our rescue vehicle, so it will be available for our people and those outside of our jurisdictions."

Commissioner Norton said, "That's great, that's all I have."

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you. A couple more questions. Is this the only one of these in the county, or is there other departments that have this type of equipment? Do we know?"

Mr. Krehbiel said, "In terms of some of some of the cities in the area, I don't know. I can't speak to that. I know that the reason we approached Sedgwick County is that their coverage area is in the majority of our elevators that we have in Colwich, Valley Center, Furley and Andale. I can't speak beyond that."

Chairman Howell said, "Let me ask one more question that is I suppose this requires some training before the event. So, do we a simulator set up some somewhere so that they can practice this operation?"

Mr. Wegner said, "We do simulated training, and before we had this piece of equipment, we would actually go out and limitly play in the grain elevators and practice setting up shoring and protecting our people, and then practice the extrication. So yeah, we are going to be doing some training with KU (Kansas State University) on their rescue training team, and we'll be out there training with this

equipment. We've talked to Nick about doing some collaborated training and stuff, so yes, to answer your question. I believe we are the only ones in this area that do have a cofferdam dam system."

Chairman Howell said, "Very good. Do the adjacent counties also have this equipment available if they have an event? Do we know?"

Mr. Wegner said, "I am not 100 percent sure. Chief Cox is back there and he doesn't believe that it is, so it's going to be very important for our regional response team that we do have this piece of equipment now available to us."

Chairman Howell said, "I can see for example, if Hutchinson doesn't have the equipment available, we might need to maybe help an adjacent county potentially."

Mr. Wegner said, "Hutchinson is part of our regional response team, so this will augment their resources and stuff. So, it will help their community."

Chairman Howell said, "It's a tremendous topic, thank you for sharing that with us. Any other comments from Commissioners? We have a motion and a second and I'd like to call the vote."

VOTE

*Commissioner Unruh Aye
Commissioner Norton Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn Aye
Commissioner Ranzau Aye
Chairman Howell Aye*

Chairman Howell said, "Thank you, everyone for bringing this to us again today. I appreciate you very much."

Mr. Wegner said, "Thank you, Commissioners."

Mr. Krehbiel said, "Thank you, for your time."

Chairman Howell said, "Madam Clerk, next item, please."

Received and Filed

CONSENT

Chairman Howell said, "Commissioners, what's the will of the Board?"

MOTION

Commissioner Ranzau made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion and the vote was called.

VOTE

*Commissioner Unruh Aye
Commissioner Norton Aye
Commissioner Peterjohn Aye*

Commissioner Ranzau Aye
Chairman Howell Aye

Chairman Howell said, "Okay, I think we're at the end of the Fire District [No. 1] agenda, does anyone have anything else for the Fire District agenda before we adjourn the Fire District meeting? Alright, seeing none, I will now at this time adjourn the meeting of the Governing Body of Fire District No. 1."

Approved

- B** [16-641](#) A resolution directing Sedgwick County Fire District Number One to enter into an agreement for Fire Protection Services with the City of Maize, Kansas pursuant to K.S.A. 19-3608.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting for Sedgwick County Fire District Number 1, was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

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