

VIRGINIA FIRE SERVICES BOARD

Live Fire Structure Committee
Friday, February 20, 2020
Virginia Beach Convention Center
11:00am

A regular meeting of the Live Fire Structure Committee was held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center in Virginia Beach, VA at 11:00 am on Thursday February 20, 2020. Committee Chair, Lee Day was unable to attend because of extenuating circumstances and the meeting was facilitated by Chairman of the Board Walt Bailey. The committee had a constituted Quorum and was called to order.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Walt Bailey
James Stokely
David Hankley
Bettie Reeves-Nobles
Rick Gregory
Jerome Williams

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Keith Johnson
James Calvert
James Poindexter
Scott Garber

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Harry L. Day
Stephanie L. Koren

GUESTS PRESENT

Adam Ambungey Ted Adams Tracey Hobbs Michael Barakey Jim Eicholtz Tim Dickerson
Kenneth Sloneker Jim Forgo Michael A. Matthews Merlin Meroni Daniel Gray James Dickens
Chris Shaver Nathan Ramsey Bill Glover

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AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Travis Rickman | Brook Pittinger |
| Mike Reilly | Brenda Scaife |
| Theresa Hunter | Bill MacKay |
| Briant Atkins | Jeff Liebold |

CHANGES IN THE AGENDA

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Glover choose to speak to the committee about the Live training structures and the current process that the board takes as it relates in the regulation and assessment of the structures done by the Virginia Fire Service's Board with the help of the Virginia Department of Fire Programs

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Chairman

CONSENT AGENDA

No Changes to the previous meeting minutes member Keith Johnson moved to approve the previous minutes with a second from Chairman Walt Bailey and the previous minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Topic:** The Structure Group presentation on the conversion of a Live Fire Structure from Class B Fires to Class A

Motion: N/A

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Topic Discussion: Questions were asked of the presenter by different board members concerning the cost of conversion and certain requirements that would result from changes in regulation. The Chairman made the comment about the \$975,000 dollars a year that will be needed to get the live structures back up to standards to comply with NFPA changes.

Vote: N/A

Motion Action: N/A

2. Topic: Roanoke County Burn Building Conversion Request

Motion: To approve the Roanoke County Conversion Request from a Class B to Class A structure in alignment with The Structure Group Recommendations and send to the full board for final approval. The Motion was made by David Hankley and properly Seconded by member James Stokely.

Topic Discussion: A representative from Roanoke County spoke at the meeting and informed the committee of the current status of the project. Chairman Walt Bailey asked the representative a question in regards of Roanoke asking the VFSB for funds to add in the conversion. The representative said they had not requested any funds to aide in the conversion. The chairman also inquired if Roanoke had discussed the changes in conversion with the structure group and he said yes. The last comment was made that if the change is made to aide in the conversion process that the Live Structure Committee should approve changes to govern the new conversion process at their next meeting.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Action: To send to the full board for approval on Friday February 21st for final approval

NEW BUSINESS

1. Topic: City of Suffolk Application for Burn Building Grant Request

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Motion: Board Member Bettie Reeves- Nobles made the motion to approve the funding in the full amount for the new burn building for the City of Suffolk and send it to the Full Board on Friday February 21st for final approval. The motion was properly seconded by James Stokely.

Topic Discussion: A representative from the City of Suffolk was in attendance and informed the committee on the reasons for the need of a building in the western tidewater area. Suffolk made the promise that they would be the ones that would be maintaining the new structure and would be matching funds with \$1.5 Million to help in the construction of the structure and maintenance.

The Chairman asked if the city had considered the new changes in language to keep the building in compliance with the new NFPA standards and the representative said they had took those into account.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Action: Present it to the full board meeting on Friday February 21st for full approval

2. Topic: County of Rockbridge Renovation Extension Request

Motion: To grant the County of Rockbridge a 1 year no cost extension and send the recommendation to the full board for final approval was made by member David Hankley and seconded by Bettie Reeves-Nobles

Topic Discussion: A representative from the county of Rockbridge was present at the meeting and informed the committee that the structure they are requesting the extension for has brought on an A&E firm. The chairman requested the county go for a year extension instead of a six month extension as requested.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Action: Present it to the full board meeting on Friday, February 21st, 2020 for full board approval.

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3. Topic: Prince George no cost extension

Motion: To approve the no cost Prince George project extension for one year and send it to the full board for final approval. Motion made by James Stokely and seconded by member Bettie Reeves- Nobles.

Topic Discussion: A representative from Prince George was present at the meeting and informed the committee that several things can impact a large project such as this that they didn't expect. He apologized for the communication error and that he would be taking full control of the project. They are 80% complete and have been working with the A&E firm and asked the board for a one year no cost extension

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Action: Present it to the full board meeting on Friday, February 21st, 2020 for full board approval.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn by Bettie Reeves-Nobles and seconded committee adjourned at 12:00pm

Clerk of the Committee: Travis Rickman

REVIEWED BY:

Brook Pittinger
Deputy Executive Director