

VIRGINIA FIRE SERVICES BOARD

Live Structure Committee
Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Video Conference utilizing Google Hangouts
10:00am

A regular meeting of the Live Structure Committee was held was held electronically through Google Hangouts because of the State of Emergency initiated by the Honorable Ralph Northam, Governor of Virginia. The committee had a constituted Quorum and was called to order.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Walt Bailey
James Stokely
David Hankley
Bettie Reeves-Nobles
Harry L. Day
Stephanie L. Koren

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Keith Johnson
James Calvert
James Poindexter
Scott Garber

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Gregory
Jerome Williams

GUESTS PRESENT

Michael A. Matthews
Larry Gwaltney

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AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT

Travis Rickman	Robert Dube
Mike Reilly	Brook Pittinger
Theresa Hunter	Bill MacKay
Briant Atkins	Jeff Liebold

CHANGES IN THE AGENDA

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Chairman

CONSENT AGENDA

No Changes to the previous meeting minutes member Jim Stokely moved to approve the previous minutes with a second from Stephanie Koren and the previous minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Topic:** Review Cost impact to address NFPA standards change for Impingement Protection Project

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Motion: Member David Hankley motioned to table the matter which was seconded by Bettie Reeves- Nobles for further discussion at the next meeting of the Live Structure Committee

Topic Discussion: The committee discussed that they believed there needed to be additional conversations as it related to the impingement protection project because they believed that the online format and the COVID pandemic might have stifled public comment. The committee instructed staff to move the conversation to the next full meeting to have further discussion on the cost impacts and how to address the issue in bringing all of the live fire training structures into compliance with new NFPA standards as interpreted by the structure group.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Action: Matter tabled till the next meeting of the Live Structure committee meeting in September or October time frame.

2. Topic: Class “B” to Class “A” fuel conversion- Live Fire Training Structure Policy addition

Motion: Member Jim Stokley moved to approve the policy as written and present it to the full board at the next full meeting. The motion was properly seconded by member David Hankley

Topic Discussion: The Chairman of the committee discussed that we already had some localities using these conversion requirements with approval from the board. He also concluded that this was just a clarification to the departments that if they make these changes that they must follow these specific guidelines for the structures to remain grant eligible.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Action: Present it to the full board meeting on Friday, June 12th, 2020 for full board approval.

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Additional Final Comments:

Executive Director: The Executive Director wanted to inform the committee on a pressing issue relating to OSB which a recent study has shown that the use of OSBs in training environments has been shown to increase carcinogens which can increase the chance of cancer. So it is the agencies view that we do not recommend the use of OSB's in a training scenarios.

James Stokley: Inquired on the next time that the committee and full board would be able to meet in person which the Executive Director answered that soon it is expected that Virginia moves into Phase 3 which will allow for in person meeting but there must be proper social distancing rules along with the use of masks.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn by Bettie Reeves-Nobles and seconded by Stephanie Koren committee adjourned at 10:30am.

Clerk of the Committee: Travis Rickman

REVIEWED BY:

Brook Pittinger
Deputy Executive Director