

**Mason County Fire Protection District 5
Workshop Notes for 02/13/2008**

Workshop called to order by Chairman Taylor @ 18:00 hours

In attendance were Commissioners Taylor, Huff, McGanney and Chief Knight.

The main purpose of this workshop was for Future Planning and Projects.

Commissioner Huff reviewed long-range planning and handed our several documents from other agencies that have done this process.

In addition Commissioner Huff reviewed our long-range goals and recommended we refresh and look for help with this process.

Commissioner Huff made contact with several companies for a price to build a master plan. These services ranged from \$12,000 to \$30,000.

A citizen asked about the aging fleet of Mason 5 and recommended a Bond Issue to address the fleet needs.

There was an extensive discussion about a Planning Committee and the benefit the Fire District would see by having one. The make-up of the Committee was discussed. Commissioner McGanney tentatively agreed to chair this committee. This topic will move forward to next regular Commission meeting (2/20) for discussion and possible action. It was also recommended that we have 2 representatives from each stakeholder group. The proposal is the committee will start working on goals and objectives.

The planning committee may look into the feasibility of a bond issue.

Questions asked from a citizen about the proposed contract for services between Mason 5 and SFD. To them it appears we are going backwards.

A citizen recommends and we use the current planning document as a foundation for the newly formed planning committee.

A citizen asked about keeping the Web Site current and correct. The web site is a great tool for getting information to our citizens. More information needs to go on this site.

Chairman Taylor commented that we are moving forward and it will take planning and finances for the future.

Question from a citizen about having an evening meeting? Chairman Taylor stated this was being discussed as an option.

Planning session ended: 19:04 hours

REMINDER: The next regular Fire Commissioners meeting is scheduled for February 20th, 2008, 2 pm Station 53 2520 Mason-Benson Rd.

Submitted By Secretary Pro-Temp Tim McKern

Workshop notes approved by Chairman Taylor