

gave that testimony... We may know that Joe Blow said something or other, but we cannot reveal that person's name."

Board members discussed the fact that there is no recourse for someone being investigated in this manner. Pocock stated that the report would never be released to the public. He further noted that "the attorney" had said that "if anyone challenges this investigation, have them file a suit."

In discussing the method of distributing the investigative report and how to maintain confidentiality, the board voted that each director would get a copy once the report is received. Initially, they had decided that the office manager, Jennifer Martin, would make seven copies of the report, one for each board member. But Martin expressed concern about her liability in having access to these documents since they involve privacy concerns and she is not bonded or covered by any liability insurance to protect her in sensitive matters. Board members acknowledged her concerns. Pocock said that he would arrange for each member to receive a copy.

During the meeting, it was suggested that because of the privacy issues involved, the board should go into executive session to discuss anything concerning this matter. Nothing was resolved on this concern, and the meeting continued.

Present, but not accounted for

The Department of Local Affairs has no record of

more than four members being on the fire district's board, according to Pocock. He said the information about the board having seven members had apparently not been filed. He said that the bonds of \$1,000 for each board member and \$5,000 for the treasurer—and liability insurance of \$5,000 for each member and \$25,000 for the treasurer—would be filed with the Department of Local Affairs, the county clerk and recorder, and the District Court. It apparently had never been done, although the insurance and bonds were in effect, he said.

Email to be archived

The handling of official district email was also discussed. Pocock stated that all official emails should be archived according to the open meetings law. The district would set up an archival email address that would be included in the sending or receiving of any official emails. At present, that system

is not in effect. The district office manager would have sole access to these archival emails via password.

Minor incident at Station 1

The firehouse door at Station 1 was accidentally lowered onto an ambulance while it was backing into the station without a backing guide. Pocock said the resulting damage to the door was minor, and there was little to no damage to the vehicle. Nothing was mentioned concerning action to be taken against the driver.

The next regular meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25, in the Administration Center at 166 Second St. in Monument. For further information regarding this meeting, contact Jennifer Martin at 719-484-0911.

The district's website is www.tri-lakesfire.com.

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