

Secretary's Report

Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2014

On Tuesday, June 3, 2014, board member Dave Patty contacted the Chairman Karl Myer to let him know that he would be unable to attend the June 26, 2014 meeting. The Chairman changed the meeting date to June 12, 2014, and posted a copy of the agenda on the door at the meeting location, 1444 Holland Street, Logansport, IN 46947, as well as a copy inside the Eel Township Trustee's Office lobby bulletin board.

The legislative body, our Cass County Commissioners, fixed the meeting location at 1444 Holland Street, Logansport, IN 46947. This has been the meeting location for the Board since the inception of the Cass County Fire District. The Cass County Commissioners fixed the location for public records and mailing address at the Eel Township Trustee's Office, in order to process public records requests more efficiently and to ensure mail is being distributed to the board of trustees in a timely manner.

In accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-5 Public Notice of Meetings; Section 5(a) "Public notice of the date, time, and place of any meetings, executive sessions, or of any rescheduled or reconvened meeting, shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) before the meeting. Under Section 5 (b) (1) The governing body of a public agency shall give public notice by posting a copy of the notice at the principal office of the public agency holding the meeting.

The Cass County Fire District Board of Trustees are confident that we met the requirement as set out in the statute. Since a public member attended the meeting on June 12, 2014, and disputed whether or not the Board should be holding a public meeting and questioning the validity of the notification method pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5, the Board of Trustees together with their attorney, agree that it is in the best interest of the tax payers to hold another meeting to re-vote on all agenda items in order to save the tax payers the cost of potential litigation and on-going legal fees. This method would be cheaper rather than getting involved in costly disputes.

Therefore, there will be no official minutes of June 12, 2014, and we are again holding the meeting and re-voting on all matters this evening. Agenda items were again posted in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-5. All local media outlets within Eel Township were notified as well as copies of the June agenda and July's meeting agenda posted.