



Chair: Frank Heumann Vice-Chair: Marty Peterson Secretary/Treasurer: Ryan Mellor

Minutes of February 5, 2009

Members Present: Steve Ball, Ted Black, Frank Heumann, Steve Lutz, Ryan Mellor, Ron Morris, Coy Porter, Greg Rynders, George Sumner, and Jay Westergard

On the phone: Jay, Downs, Bradley Hansen, Mike Mathieu, Mark Meaker, Robert Stoker, and Brad Wardle

Bureau Staff: Jenny Allred, and Jim Hansen

Excused: Ryan Eckardt, Jim Judd, Eldon Farnsworth, Dave Spatafore, Marty Peterson, and Kevin Ward

1. Call to Order:

a. Roll Call and Contact List Update

Frank Heumann welcomed those present and called the meeting to order. He asked everyone to sign the roll and update the contact list.

2. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Frank Heumann asked for a motion for the approval of the last meeting minutes.

Jay Westergard made a motion to approve the minutes of January 29, 2009 as written. Greg Rynders seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.

3. Old Business:

a. Nothing to report.

4. New Business:

a. Legislative Watch List (refer to the list on the following website:

www.firecouncil.com).

Ryan Mellor recommended sharing the legislative tracking sheet with the contact person of the Utah Pulse website: www.utahpulse.com. This website lists every legislative bill.

The Joint Fire Council discussed the following bills:

- H.B. 23 S01 Certified Tax Rate Amendments – Sponsor: Fred R. Hunsaker
The Frank Heumann agreed to watch this bill.
- H.B. 31 Utah Sudden Cardiac Arrest Survival Act – Sponsor: Carl Wimmer
Coy Porter made a motion to support H.B. 31. Greg Rynders seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.
- H.B. 50 Firefighter Special Group License Plate Amendments – Sponsor: Ronda Rudd
Greg Rynders made a motion to support H.B. 50. Brad Wardle seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.
- H.B. 75 Utah Communications Agency Network Amendments – Sponsor: Fred R. Hunsaker
Ryan Mellor made a motion to support H.B. 75. Brad Wardle seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.
- H.B. 95 Restrictions on Use of Wireless Communications Devices in Vehicles – Sponsor: Phil Riesen
The Council agreed to watch this bill.
Ron Morris commended that the sponsors of the various communication bills were going to draft one bill. The Department of Public Safety is opposing any communication bill that did not exclude EMS, fire and police in performance of their duties.
- H.B. 212 Enhanced Public Safety Retirement Systems Cost-of-Living Adjustment Option Amendments – Sponsor: Carl Wimmer
Ryan Mellor made a motion to support H.B. 212. Coy Porter seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.
- H.B. 226 Disaster Recovery and Emergency Management Amendments – Sponsor: Curtis Oda
Coy Porter made a motion to support H.B. 226. Greg Rynders seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.
- H.B. 245 Utah State 911 Committee Amendments – Sponsor: Curtis Oda
Coy Porter made a motion to support H.B. 245. Ryan Mellor seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.
- H.B. 248 Restrictions on Use of Wireless Communication Devices in Vehicles – Sponsor: Carol Spackman Moss
The Council agreed to watch this bill.
- H.B. 252 Emergency Management Administration Council Amendments – Sponsor: Curtis Oda
Brad Wardle made a motion to support H.B. 252. Greg Rynders seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.
- H.B. 273 Contracting for Inter-facility Medical Transports – Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

There was a lengthy discussion on this bill and a number of concerns.

Brad Wardle explained that the Utah State Chief's Association is opposing this bill. They will be preparing a position paper.

Mark Meaker stated that this bill could have a big impact on his agency.

Greg Rynders made a motion to oppose H.B. 273. Brad Wardle seconded the motion and voting was not approved by all. There were one abstention and two negative votes. This motion did not carry.

- S.B. 84 Impact Fees Revision – Sponsor: Gregory S. Bell
The Council agreed to watch this bill.
- S.B. 89 Public Safety Retirement Death Benefit Modifications – Sponsor: Jon J. Greiner
The Council agreed to watch this bill.
- S.B. 127 Retirement Amendments – Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist
The Council agreed to watch this bill.
- S.B. 135 Local District Taxing Authority – Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble
The Council agreed to watch this bill.
- S.B. 145 Public Safety Retirees Death Benefit Revisions – Sponsor: Jon J. Greiner
The Council agreed to watch this bill.

b. EMS Grants

Jim Hansen stated that the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services would like to thank the Council for their support. The Legislature has taken the EMS grant off the cutting block for now.

c. Other

Coy Porter recommended adding S.B. 127 Retirement Amendments Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist to the Legislative Watch List.

Frank agreed to send a communication Legislative Tip Sheet to the Council.

5. Board Member and District Representative Reports:

- a. Chair – Frank Heumann had nothing more to discuss.
- b. Vice-Chair – Marty Peterson was excused from the meeting.
- c. Treasurer – Ryan Mellor collected a total of \$200 for the Joint Council. A total of \$5,900 was collected for the Utah Fire Caucus. They need an addition of \$2,100.
- d. District Representatives – Greg Rynders reminded everyone that the Utah Fire Caucus will meet briefly after this meeting.

6. Good of the Order:

- a. Nothing reported.

7. Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Cannon Health Building, Conference Room 125.