**Thompson Fire Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 7 p.m.**

**Thompson Fire Engine Company**

**MINUTES**

PRESENT: Steve Bodreau, John Sharpe, Jeff Sheldon, Mike Rivers, Hogan Krohn, Kerstin Forrester

CITIZENS: Deno, WINY reporter

* Kerstin Forrester called meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
* Minutes of March 26, 2014 meeting – motion to accept made by Steve Bodreau, 2nd by Jeff Sheldon, unanimous
* Citizens Comments - none
* Committee Member Comments:
  + Steve asked Hogan about walk-through at Marianapolis and is there access to the pond.
* Correspondence: Kerstin read the email from Bill Poirier regarding his resignation from the committee since he has moved out of Thompson.
* Review and discuss the possible action steps suggested at March 26 meeting with WFPA.
  + Build a case with the community:
    - Educate via presence at Community Day in September, individual mailings and/or emails, open house events at each department, door-to-door visits
    - Distribute maps that show the area covered by each FD; develop a brochure
  + Public meeting for open discussion about budgets and expenses
  + Need for absolute transparency and support from all FD members.
    - Discuss the concept and review WFPA by-laws with officers and board members of each FD.
    - Ask for their input
* Each chief agreed to send all committee members ideas of next steps during the month of May. Kerstin will organize these for discussion and prioritization at the May meeting.
* OTHER BUSINESS:
  + Steve asked if there was any interest in a regional training center. Could possibly look for a grant to build.
* ADJOURNED at 8:20 p.m.

**Next Meeting Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 7 p.m. at East Thompson VFD.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kerstin Forrester, Chair