



Minutes of the Tax Hearing Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of September 12, 2024

The Wentzville Fire Protection District Tax Hearing was held on September 12, 2024, at Station 1 at 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd., Wentzville, MO 63385.

Chief Mosher called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Mosher called the roll. Three Board Members were in attendance: Director Jennifer Houston, Director Grassmuck, and Director Wilson.

Also in attendance were Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, Battalion Chief Chris Browder, Shop Steward Max Mueller, Assistant Shop Steward Bryan Notheis, Finance and Human Resource Manager Lisa Potts, and CPA Rick Rognan.

No one from the public was in attendance.

Director Houston motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Director Grassmuck seconded it: Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

CPA Rognan presented the Public Hearing Packet. He explained the notice of the hearing was published per statute requirements. He reported post-BOE numbers to be \$3,089,758,742. Up 2.76% from last year, new construction is less than last year. CPI is coming down, which will play a role in our growth. Real estate has grown by 3.7%, but personal property tax shows -1.62%, which is due to car value. Senate Bill 190 has set a freeze on Seniors, and it will catch up by 2030, with no growth on seniors after this year. At the end of 2025, we will see an impact. Tax rates for the general fund will be \$0.5798, and for debt service, it will be \$0.0900. The district could have collected \$0.1058. However, the district promised the voters to stick with \$0.0900, so the district will have a voluntary reduction in the debt service rate. For a total tax rate of \$0.6698 per \$100 dollars of assessed valuation, the same as last year. There is a Resolution 24-05 to be adopted in the regular meeting for collection of \$0.5798 cents for the general fund and \$0.0900 for the debt service fund for a total of \$0.6698. CPA Rognan also stated that, in Senate Bill 870, a reimbursement rate was reiterated in the

resolution. He has provided a grid for residents to show the cost of the tax rates per home value.

Open Forum: The floor was open for any resident to comment on the tax rate proposed and the information given. No one from the public was present.

Director Houston motioned, and Director Grassmuck seconded to adjourn the tax hearing meeting at 4:45 p.m. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

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Frank Grassmuck, Secretary

Handwritten signature of Stacy Krieger in cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary