



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of August 13, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on August 13, 2024, at Wentzville Fire District Headquarters, 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville, MO 63385

Chief Mosher called the meeting to order at 9:28 am.

Open Forum: No one from the public was present.

Chief Mosher called Roll. Three Board Members were present: Director Jennifer Houston, Director Frank Grassmuck, and Director Chad Wilson.

Other attendees included Assistant Chief Michael Scott, Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, Shop Steward Max Mueller, Legal Council Dan McLaughlin, Finance and Human Resource Manager Lisa Pott, and Administrative Assistant Stacy Krieger. CPA Rognan was also present.

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

On a motion from Director Houston and a second from Director Wilson, August 2, 2024, regular meeting minutes were approved. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, and Director Wilson-aye.

On a motion from Director Houston and a second from Director Grassmuck, August 2, 2024, closed meeting minutes were approved. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, and Director Wilson-aye.

CPA Rognan presented the July Financials. He congratulated the district on passing the bond initiative. He went through the financial statement indicating the district is .03% over budget seven months in. This is \$5,226 over. He showed historically the district will come in under budget. He did remind the board growth is slowing down. The county is only seeing a 1% increase and next year we will see less revenue. Many of the expense categories are over because of timing. PR is over as a result of the education piece of the bond initiative. The board accepted the financial report.

Old Business:

Director Houston commended the staff for their efforts with the bond initiative. Chief Mosher provided a timeline set up in collaboration with Martin Ghafoori from Stifel.

New Business:

Captain Dwyer brought a contract from Sentinel to purchase a replacement 9815 bucket truck. This contract would approve the pre-2027 engine. The pre-2027 engine will save the district money. On a motion of Director Houston and seconded by Director Grassmuck, the board approved the purchase of an aerial truck. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, and Director Wilson-aye. There was a discussion regarding the bond proceeds. Chief Mosher shared the working document for allocations, which he will share with the board. Director Wilson would also like to see a truck replacement schedule. It was discussed that new trucks ordered have a two to three-year manufacturer/delivery lead time.

Officers Report:

Chief Mosher shared the call volume report for July, stating Station 1 and Station 4 have the highest call volume. Administrative Assistant Krieger provided the stats on social media, indicating our audience continues to grow on all platforms. The posts for the past month were related to the education piece of the campaign. There was a lot of feedback from these posts. The district will continue to fine-tune these strategies with Grow and Creative Entourage.

Assistant Chief Scott reported on the radio grant received, which is a matching grant and will be considered in the 2025 budget. There was also discussion regarding Station Alerting, and he is getting verification on pricing. The whole county is being required to make this change. Chief Mosher stated that the remaining bond money from the 2014 passing will be used to start this project. Assistant Chief Scott stated he continues to work on extracting policies from Lexipol. He will also be looking at other grant options.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee shared the July Fire Prevention report. Annual inspections are down. A few weeks ago, He reported on the fatal fire, stating he worked with the State Fire Marshal's office and Wentzville Police's CSI division. He discussed the hotel project coming to Caledonia, indicating it is a prefab building and will be up in two weeks.

Battalion Chief Browder was not present.

Legal Counsel McLaughlin had nothing to report.

Shop Steward Mueller had nothing to report.

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Board Report: Chief Mosher reminded the board that September 12th is the date slated for the Tax Hearing. He also informed them October 24th would be the day needed to approve bond pricing. Director Wilson stated he liked the thank you posts, as well as the thank you signs.

On a motion of Director Houston, seconded by Director Grassmuck, the meeting was suspended at 10:15 am for a closed session relating to personnel. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck- aye, and Director Wilson- aye.

The board returned to an open session with nothing to report. On a motion from Director Houston and a second by Director Wilson, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck- aye, and Director Wilson- aye.


Frank Grassmuck, Secretary


Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary

