



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of September 21, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on September 21, 2023, at Wentzville Fire District Headquarters, 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville, MO 63385

Chief John Schneider called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. following the tax hearing.

Open Forum: No one from the public was present.

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

Other attendees included Assistant Chief John LeDoux, Deputy Chief Michael Scott, Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, Battalion Chief Willie Meyer, Shop Steward Max Mueller, and Captain Fred Hohenshell.

On Director Houston's motion and Director Wilson's second, the September 14, 2023, tax hearing minutes were approved. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

On a motion of Director Houston and second of Director Grassmuck, the regular meeting minutes of September 14, 2023, were approved. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

**Old Business:**

No Old Business

**New Business:**

Open Bids for Situational Awareness Thermal Imaging Cameras. Three bids were received:

Leo M Ellebracht Co.  
Danko  
Banner Fire Equipment

Open Bids for Search and Rescue Thermal Imaging Cameras: three bids were also received for this item.

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Leo Ellebracht Co.  
Banner

There will be a meeting next week to discuss the bids received. Captain Hohenshell stated he would like to bring back a recommendation in a month after the committee has had a chance to demo the bids' options.

Assistant Chief LeDoux requested to sell a surplus item, a plot printer. He stated he contacted Feathershark to find a good place to post this. Assistant Chief LeDoux stated the plot printer was used a lot when we received paper plans, but now, plans are received digitally. The board agreed to put it out for sale.

#### **Officers Report:**

Chief Schneider discussed a Post-Dispatch sunshine request that was received yesterday, 9/19/2023. Chief Schneider stated he has been consulting with Legal Counsel. Chief Schneider stated he would keep the board updated. Chief Schneider stated the health insurance renewal is coming up soon. He is meeting with labor management and the benefits committee next week. Simpara states they are projecting a 2% renewal increase and will present the renewal to the board on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Chief Schneider also stated the Property and Casualty and Workers Comp renewals will be discussed. He stated there are only three carriers in the State of Missouri for workers' compensation for firefighters. Chief Schneider feels MEM is still the best option at this time. He indicated the district's mod will go up slightly. As for the property and casualty renewal, we did have a big claim this year from the flood; we will have to look at it and see how we need to proceed. Chief Schneider and Assistant Chief LeDoux participated in today's Cancer Trust meeting, looking at growing to PTSD. He stated this is a good group of people with diversity and representation throughout the State. Chief Schneider also stated a lot of PR is going on; as we continue to grow, the requests increase. Director Houston said thank you, it makes a difference.

Assistant Chief LeDoux provided a staffing report, indicating the district is back to 100% workforce. He stated he is working on the acting captain process next week, indicating there is a practical process on Monday, and Tuesday is the ergonomic written exam portion. The interview portion will be in mid-October.

Deputy Chief Scott stated the district participated in command-level Active Shooter training at the St. Charles County EEOC. He informed the board that crews will participate in this training later this year. He also reported two crews have undergone Bayotec hydrogen training at the new facility off Hwy A. He is also working with the training committee for Acting Captain and planning for 2024 training courses.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee stated he participated in NFPA training for EV training with Inspector Mosher earlier this week. He shared the importance of being cautious with Lithium Ion batteries, which can be dangerous. They do not have to be plugged in to cause problems. He also stated new commercial construction permits are still coming in at a high rate and not slowing down.


The Battalion Chief Meyer indicated frontline operations are running smoothly. He stated crews participated in Holt's military night. The district presented a new flag, and it displayed nicely. Battalion Chief Meyer shared that helicopters delivering the football to the team, which requires the district to participate in the landing zone, is gaining popularity.

Shop Steward Max Mueller had nothing to report.

Legal Counsel McLaughlin was not present.

Board Report: the next board meeting 9/28 at 4:30 p.m.

The board adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m. on a motion of Director Houston and seconded by Director Grassmuck  
Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

  
Frank Grassmuck, Secretary

  
Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary