



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of July 10, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on July 10, 2023, at Wentzville Fire District Headquarters, 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville, MO 63385

Chief Schneider welcomed the guest present for special recognition.

Chief Schneider called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum: No one from the public spoke.

Chief Schneider called Roll. Three Board Members were present Director Bob Hawkins-present, Director Jennifer Houston-present, and Director Frank Grassmuck-present.

Also in attendance were Deputy Chief Michael Scott, Battalion Chief Willie Meyer, Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, and Shop Steward Max Mueller.

The agenda, with the addition of approving the closed meeting minutes of July 7, 2023, was approved on a motion by Director Hawkins and a second from Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

On a motion of Director Hawkins and second of Director Houston, the regular meeting minutes of June 29, 2023, were approved. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Director Hawkins motioned to approve June 29 and July 7, 2023, closed meeting minutes. Director Grassmuck seconded it. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

There were no questions on the bills on Director Hawkins's motion and Director Houston's second; the bills were approved. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye

CPR Rognan presented the June financials; we are halfway through the year. We are at 52.77% or 2.77% over budget, and the district is trending toward being under budget as historically seen. All revenue categories are more than projected. The revenue categories are 13.6% more in revenue than last year. A few categories are over, but many are timing; Mr. Rognan went through the lines. Vehicle maintenance will remain on the watch list and may go over by the end of the year. Cash reserve snapshot, if spending the entire budget, is estimated to have a bigger reserve at the end of the year. CPA Rognan went over the assessed value estimates for the year. This was a reassessment year. These numbers will change. It shows real estate is up 22.77%, personal property is up 10%, the total assessments by 20.24%, new construction is up 21.85%. CPI will be 6.5. The general fund will be rolling back, as we have done for the last eight to 10 years. Our total tax rate has the potential to go down .06 cents. Senate Bill 190 was signed into law regarding

senior citizens will be able to freeze taxes. There will be more to come on this. Whatever transpires will become a cumulative effect.

**Old Business:**

No Old Business

**New Business:**

No New Business

**Officers Report:**

Chief Schneider stated that Kids Camp is Wednesday, and Jim Fowler's retirement lunch is Thursday.

Assistant Chief LeDoux gave a staffing report.

Deputy Chief Scott reported on assessments for Acting Officer testing and live burns. County burns will be as Central County's tower is being revamped. Making sure everyone is getting CEUs. Battalion Chiefs will go to the sewer water treatment plant off Hopewell Road.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee reported that 153 permits have been issued for the year, and 179 inspections were completed in June.

Battalion Chief Meyer stated that the crews survived the 4<sup>th</sup>. There was one residential fire. The district participated in the parade, which was packed.

Shop Steward Mueller, nothing to report.

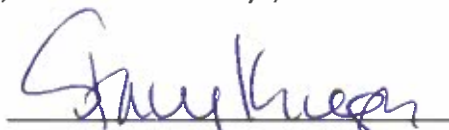
Legal Counsel McLaughlin was not present.

Board Reports: Director Hawkins presented his resignation letter, and Chief Schneider asked for a motion from the other two to accept the letter. Director Grassmuck motioned, and Director Houston seconded. Director Hawkins-na, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Director Hawkins motioned, and Director Grassmuck seconded the board meeting being suspended for Closed Session Personnel at 4:21 pm. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

The board returned to open session and adjourned the meeting at 4:48 pm on a motion of Director Hawkins and seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

  
Frank Grassmuck, Secretary

  
Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary

July 3, 2023

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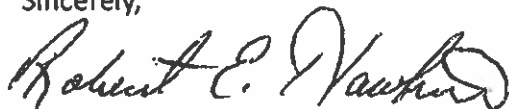
This letter is to formally notify everyone of my resignation as Chairman of Wentzville Fire Board. My last meeting will be on Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

I would like to thank everyone for the support I have received over the last 10 years as a board member. It has been a great experience getting to know the fire service as well as the members and their families. Being part of the Wentzville Fire District has meant a lot to me. I have always been very proud to let others know how great our district is as well as my association with the district. It has been a great joy to see the growth and positive changes that were made while I was involved.

I wish nothing but continued success for the Wentzville Fire District.

Thank you and take care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Hawkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Robert E. Hawkins