



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of March 14, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on March 14, 2024, at Wentzville Fire District Headquarters, 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville, MO 63385

Chief Mosher called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

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, Battalion Chief Joe Hutson, and Shop Steward Max Mueller

The agenda was approved as presented in a motion by Director Houston and a second by Director Grassmuck. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

On a motion from Director Houston and a second from Director Wilson, the regular meeting minutes of March 7, 2024, were approved. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

CPA Rognan presented the February 2024 financial report. The benchmark is 16.7%, and the district is 19.85% or \$549,000 over budget. History shows that we are in a similar position each year due to paying items like dues, subscriptions, and insurance at the beginning of the year. Revenues are already at 99.84%. The district's residents do a good job of paying in a timely manner. IT is at 83.64%; historically, we are here, dues and subscriptions, paid once at the beginning of the year. Uniforms are up from last year at this time. Insurance funding for HSA and insurance P&C is again paid early in the year. Pension employee is also based on timing. The district can expect 8.6 months in reserve if everything meets our budget expectations. Great job from the district; continue to be conservative.

**Old Business:**

No Old Business

**New Business:**

Review and approve investment policy; Chief Mosher highlighted changes that cleaned up items that did not apply to the district in the old investment policy. Legal Counsel approved the updated policy. Director Houston motioned to adopt Resolution 24-01 Investment Policy, second Director Grassmuck. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

Chief Mosher brought MOCATT to the board regarding bond investment. There are rules, and MoCATT will help with those. Keith Slussler, Rick Rognan, and Dan McLaughlin are all good with MoCATT, which is similar to MOSIP; it is a personalized service that will give you odd dates to release money more flexibility. This will be another avenue for investing. Director Wilson asked about insurance coverage like FDIC for the funds. MOSIP, MOCATT comes due twice a year, beginning to ladder the reserve, will have options the investment policy does not have a year stipulation, will be able to catch better rates. It will be similar to the operating account. Director Houston would like a MoCATT introduction. Chief Mosher will set up an introduction/presentation for an upcoming meeting.

Bond Initiative Campaign, the board was presented with information from Creative Entourage. The district's expense is the survey, which provides the district with the residents' temperature. There are additional expenses to the proposal. Their record is stellar. Legal Counsel has seen the proposal and made a recommendation. Creative Entourage will be present at the next meeting. They have several experts on their team.

**Officers Report:**

Chief Mosher reminded the board of the budgeted pension drop. He stated that the Aither contract was completed, with an updated termination clause of 60 days. He reported news that 9854 has to be rebuilt. There was a discussion regarding a date, potentially May 16, 2024, for a pinning ceremony for new hires and promotions. Chief Mosher also stated he spoke to Mr. Clark, a recent fire homeowner. He was very complimentary of our members.

Assistant Chief Scott is working on a recognition ceremony for the gentleman who reported the house fire off Peine Road. He stated the crews did a great job. Chief Scott is working on all the updates on the organizational chart and beneficiary sheets, which need to be updated. The

training committee has been working with outside instructors to host training here. In 2025, we will host a thermal camera class.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee discussed the fire of Monday night. The owner posted a positive note on Facebook, and Sydney Stein, a previous fire homeowner, sent an email and is willing to talk with or lend an ear to any fire victim we encounter. He also reported Channel 4 talked about 1200 homes coming to Interstate Drive.

Battalion Chief Hutson stated everything was going well.

Committee Reports:

Shop Steward Mueller provided a staffing update from the shop.

Legal Counsel had nothing to report.

Board Report:

The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:13 pm on a motion from Director Houston and a second from Director Grassmuck. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.



Frank Grassmuck, Secretary



Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary

