



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of December 14, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on December 14, 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. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Open Forum: No one from the public was present.

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

Other attendees included Assistant Chief John LeDoux, Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, Battalion Chief Willie Meyer, and Acting Battalion Chief Ryan House. Shop Steward Max Mueller, Legal Counsel Dan McLaughlin, and CPA Rick Rognan were also present.

The agenda was approved as presented on a motion by Director Houston and a second from 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 December 5, 2023, were approved. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

CPA Rognan presented November's financials. The benchmark is 91.60%. The district is at 91.30% or .30% under budget, or \$48,000 under budget. The district is trending in the right direction. All revenue categories have met the mark or are exceeding. CPA Rognan stated the committee heads are very conservative in budgeting. A few expense categories have exceeded the budget; a few are timing; however, unscheduled overtime and truck maintenance will be over. CPA Rognan informed the board the supplemental pension contribution to be discussed does not influence over or under budget. The reserve account was discussed. Assuming on budget, the district has over ten months in reserve, up from last year.

There were no questions on the bills. On a motion from Director Houston and a second from Director Grassmuck, the bills were approved as presented. Director Houston- aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

Old Business:

There was no discussion on the 2024 budget on a motion from Director Houston and a second from Director Wilson; the 2024 budget was approved. Director Houston- aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

There was a discussion regarding a supplemental pension contribution. Director Houston would like an updated investment model from Nyhart. There was a discussion regarding reserve totals after a contribution. CPA Rognan informed the board that our district still has much growth. The timing of a contribution affects the JCPERS report as calculations are made on end-of-the-year numbers. CPA Rognan discussed keeping the funding above 70%, and ideally, the district's goal would be 80% funding. He stated while 100% would be great, that is a number the district would continue to chase due to the market.

New Business:

The engagement letter for the 2024 calendar year for CPA services was presented. CPA Rognan stated the only difference in the letter was a request Director Houston motioned to approve the \$100 increase for 2024. Director Grassmuck seconded. Director Houston- aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

Officers Report:

Chief Schneider informed the board there was a meeting with Simpara today. He stated new cards would be issued to the members, and a few behind-the-scenes changes were made, but nothing to affect the member's benefits.

Assistant Chief LeDoux has nothing to report.

Deputy Chief Scott was not present but is doing well after surgery.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee had nothing to report.

Acting Battalion Chief House had nothing to report.

Shop Steward Mueller had nothing.

Legal Counsel had nothing to report.

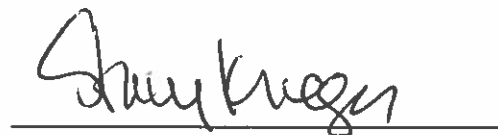
Board Report: The next meetings will be on December 19 at noon and December 26th at 8:30 am.

The board suspended the meeting for closed session personnel at 4:58 pm on a motion from Director Houston, seconded by Director Wilson. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

The board returned to open session at 6:57pm, and the regular meeting was adjourned on a motion of Director Houston and a second from Director Wilson. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.



Frank Grassmuck, Secretary



Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary