



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of March 16, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on March 16, 2023, at Wentzville Fire District Headquarters, 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville, MO 63385

Chief Schneider called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum: No one from the public spoke.

Roll Call: Chief Schneider called roll. All Board Members were present Director Bob Hawkins-present, Director Jennifer Houston-present, and Director Frank Grassmuck-present.

Also in attendance were Assistant Chief John LeDoux, Deputy Chief Michael Scott, Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, Battalion Chief Chris Browder, and Administrative Assistant Lisa Potts.

The agenda was approved as presented 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 March 9, 2023, were approved. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Director Hawkins motioned to approve the bills as presented. Director Grassmuck seconded it. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye. Director Hawkins commented on the ease of the new system.

**Old Business:**

No Old Business

**New Business:**

No New Business.

**Officers Report:**

Chief Schneider shared that he received preliminary numbers from St. Charles County; Preliminary tax rates are to be submitted annually to the county. The deadline is April 8<sup>th</sup>. Chief Schneider stated that the district had significant growth. He reminded the board that these are non-binding, and the final tax rate will be figured using post-Board of Equalization numbers in September. However, the preliminary numbers show that our general tax will be \$0.57, and debt service will be \$0.09, which is a six-cent rollback. The combined tax rate would be \$0.66. Director Hawkins asked

how this number ranks with another district. Chief Schneider stated that St. Louis County had yet to do there; we will know more after April 8<sup>th</sup>. He noted that this is all positive. Chief Schneider reminded the board of the district-wide meeting on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm. He stated that many things would be discussed at that time. He did say there are quite a few people on vacation but expected a good turnout. There was a meeting yesterday of the new committees.

Assistant Chief LeDoux provided an update on the Solar Company's request to remove the panels from 209 West Pearce so the roof can be repaired. Assistant Chief LeDoux stated that Legal Counsel reviewed many documents to determine the district's part in their request. Currently, there appears to be none.

Deputy Chief Scott stated he is working on the final details for the outside vendor class next week, Dennis LeGear. He informed the board that 69 people around the region would attend this class. It is a two-day class. The first day is for outside people. The second day is for our people. He also stated he received an email from the Division of Fire Safety looking for hosting sites for next year. Chief Scott will work on getting some classes here. He will try one for this year and a few for next year. Deputy Chief Scott has offered our location as a testing site for this side of the state.


Fire Marshal Cuddihee shared a note from Jacob Mirowitz at Georgetown, thanking us for their help in resolving issues at their complex.

Battalion Chief Browder discussed the new committee heads and stated that the crews have several PR assignments today and tomorrow. He also informed the board that the Officer Development program is in full swing. Thirteen candidates are attending.

Shop Steward Mueller was absent.

Legal Counsel McLaughlin was absent.

On a motion of Director Hawkins and a second of Director Grassmuck, the meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

  
Frank Grassmuck, Secretary

  
Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary