



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of April 11, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on April 11, 2024, at Wentzville Fire District Headquarters, 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville, MO 63385

Chief Mosher called the meeting to order at 4:29 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Willie Meyer, Shop Steward Max Mueller. as well as Paul Zigler with MOCATT.

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, April 4, 2024's regular meeting minutes were approved. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

Chief Mosher presented the March 2024 financials. The benchmark is 25%, and the district is 29.26%, or \$742,000, over budget. Historically, the district runs slightly over until mid-year. Many line items are funded early in the year. The district reserves are the same as last year.

**Old Business:**

Station 3's new roofs are on, solar panels will be reinstalled, and siding will be installed. Allen Roofing has done a great job keeping the area clean.

## **New Business:**

Mr. Zigler presented information regarding MOCATT, a Fund for investing public dollars to maximize earnings using PMA, Prudent Man Advisory Services. The flexibility of investing is great. Safety is a number one priority for MOCATT, but liquidity is also significant. There is no cost or obligation to invest. Mr. Zigler stated that they would look at opportunities to maximize the district's cash flow if interested. MOCATT can work with Bond Proceeds and monitor arbitrage. MOCATT provides updates and webinars for members to participate in. Chief Mosher asked about fees associated with Bond proceeds assistance, and Mr. Zigler stated there **were no fees**. They can monitor arbitrage and payout dates for payments according to schedules, for example, when purchasing trucks. Director Wilson asked about penalties. Mr. Zigler stated there were no penalties if funds were requested by 11 am. Term series would look a little different based on programs. MOCATT wants to be competitive; they would take money off the top, but the rate would be more competitive and make the district want to invest; the team they have allows them to do this with competitive rates. Chief Mosher will get back to Mr. Zigler. There are no requirements, but the paperwork would need to be established. Mr. Zigler will come to a meeting if necessary. The management of bond proceeds is an important part of this process, and that is why Chief Mosher would like to bring on MOCATT. Director Grassmuck asked how many people are watching out for our money; we currently have three. Chief Mosher reminded the board we do ladder our money. Chief Mosher would like a motion. We do not have to act immediately, but it is a good option for the district. The rates aren't very different, but the bond proceeds management is essential because of arbitrage. The school district has raved about MOCATT services. Are there any negatives? Our vendors, CPA Rognan and the Auditor, Keith Slusser, had no issues with MOCATT. Chief Mosher really likes the communication from MOCATT. A resolution would be adopted through Legal Counsel to adopt. The board agreed to move forward with MOCATT.

Chief Mosher wanted approval to wire money. Currently, there is a limit for ACH, but a wire transfer is cleaner and safer. Chief Mosher provided the application to start the process. Wire transfers are preferred and must still be approved by two people from the district. Director Houston signed the document.

## **Officers Report:**

Chief Mosher reported on repairs at Station 4. The pipes at Station 4 are not correctly covered, affecting the ION system and producing mold on ceiling tiles: next Tuesday, the pinning and oaths for the Board. Chief Mosher inquired about sending notarized Oaths to the County and including all three Directors.

Assistant Chief Scott reported that he and Chief Mosher visited the news stations as part of a PIO program. Mr. Lee's recognition ceremony will be on May 9th. Chief Scott mentioned Kids Camp to the reporters, and many suggested Tim Ezell come out to do a report. He stated his

working updates with Lexipol and reviewed information Chief Mosher brought back from ESO training.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee reported on two meetings this week with Rise Module, a new concept building coming to Caledonia.

Battalion Chief Meyer reported crews have run 1726 calls to date, which is about 17 calls a day. Crews have been doing prom demonstrations. It will wrap up next week.

#### Committee Reports:

Shop Steward Mueller after the swearing-in, Sugarfire has been reserved. Reported on May 9th, Creative Entourage will bring their final report.

Community Outreach, Bingo is sold out, and Cinco De Mayo will be at Hawk Ridge on May 7th. The golf tournament is on May 31st at Bear Creek.


Captain Dwyer was present to discuss the future direction of truck purchases. From an operations standpoint, the entire fleet needs to be replaced. Ideally, three trucks would be purchased first. Ten years front line, five years in reserve. HGAC program (which is like the State Bid process) for Rosenbauer and Pierce. The truck committee would like to pursue Rosenbauer, and Captain Dwyer can back up the committee's reasoning for this. Pricing is higher with Pierce. Captain Dwyer was guaranteed pricing for 60 days; there would be a 5% increase quarterly if not ordered within the 60 days. The truck committee would like to replace 9844 & 9854 at this time. The older SMEAL trucks would be let go once the new Rosenbauers were in service. Captain Dwyer stated it would be two to two and a half years before the trucks were delivered. Captain Dwyer is concerned about the reserve trucks, which are over 100,000 miles plus 8000 hours on the engine. Chief Mosher will work on preparing the information to bring the entire request forward and bring it back to the board in the next few weeks. Director Wilson asked if the committee had removed things to keep prices down. Captain Dwyer indicated It is a basic truck with a bigger cab. There was a discussion regarding the speed of trucks vs. weight. NFPA stipulates the speed, which will require a waiver, with the number of highways we cover. This will be a later conversation for operations.

Legal Counsel was not present.

Board Report: There is nothing to report. The pinning will be at 5:30 p.m. on April 16, 2024.

The regular meeting was suspended for a closed session of Privileged Communications at 5:50 p.m. on a motion from Director Houston and a second from Director Wilson. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

The board returned to the open session without taking any action. Director Houston motioned, and Director Wilson seconded, adjourning the regular meeting at 6:10 p.m. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

  
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Frank Grassmuck, Secretary

  
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Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary