



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of March 7, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on March 7, 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 Willie Meyer, Shop Steward Max Mueller, Legal Counsel Dan McLaughlin, Administrative Assistants Lisa Potts and Stacy Krieger, as well as Martin Ghafoori from Stiffel. Other Shop members were Joe Hutson, David Krieger, Fred Hohenshell, Pat Kelly, Jordan Porter, Chris Boggs, Nate Kuhn, Dave Marlo, Mike Szarwinski, Ryan House, and Kevin Bathke 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 February 20, 2024, were approved. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

Director Houston motioned, and Director Grassmuck seconded the approval of the bills. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

Old Business:

Chief Mosher provided an update on the Station 3 Hail damage, stating the repairs will start soon, with the roof and siding.

New Business:

Martin Ghafoori provided the group with information regarding options for a future no-tax-increase bond initiative. He explained several key points relating to tax rate levies and options to pay off debt sooner and provided a timeframe to move forward if the board desires.

Officers Report:

Chief Mosher asked the board if they had any questions for legal regarding a follow-up to the Board training they attended in early February. Discussing included reinstating Oaths of Offices after April 2nd and clarifying not having to second motions. Legal Counsel does not recommend changing the district's practice of seconding motions. There was discussion about coming out of closed session and taking action. Legal Counsel informed the group that there is a 72-hour grace period for announcing actions from closed meetings. Chief Mosher informed the group that the shop would like to host a fire ops class in May; there was a discussion regarding liabilities, that Legal Counsel McLaughlin is on board, and that having participants sign waivers would be appropriate. Shop Steward Mueller stated Dave Marlo and Jesse Hakenewerth had been tasked with running it with the help of many others. The giveaway for participants will be a plaque with a frontispiece provided by the shop. The board supports the Fire Ops program. Chief Mosher also shared that the PR Committee will host an Operation Prom Safety event at the high schools with the school district and police departments. This will be a great community collaboration. Chief Mosher stated he and Legal Counsel are working with Aither to complete a contract for the 2024 year. The board agreed for Chief Mosher to sign the contract when it is completed. He reported two minor vehicle incidents with 9824 and 9828 and a major repair for 9854 on the ERG crossover line.

Assistant Chief Scott reported he is updating Lexipol with State statute policy changes.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee stated he is working with Legal Counsel on an open burning violation.

Battalion Chief Meyer reported on brush fires the crews have run three times to Warren County, two of our own, along with a structure fire, a clubhouse fire in Lincoln County (three of our trucks were on that), and today, a tractor-trailer fire. He stated the constant move-ups and back and forth put stress on operations. The crews are averaging 18 calls a day. There have been several PR assignments, a Polar Plunge in Winghaven, two station tours, an appreciation day at Heritage Primary, and USAR planning meetings. 9844 had an issue; with Captain Dwyer's expertise, it was repaired and kept in service.

Committee Reports:

Firefighter Paramedic Szarwinski provided an event update and reminded everyone the uniform store was open. Bingo is on April 26 & 27th, Cinco De Mayo is at Hawk Ridge on May 8th, and the Golf Tournament is at Bear Creek on May 31st.


Shop Steward Mueller had nothing to report.

Legal Counsel had nothing to report.

Board Report:

Director Houston welcomed Chief Mosher and Assistant Chief Scott to their new roles and a new chapter in the district with business moving forward. Chief Mosher expressed the transition has been smooth and is happy to be in his position.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:39 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

