



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of October 11, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on October 11, 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-present, Director Frank Grassmuck-present, and Director Chad Wilson-present.

Other attendees included Assistant Chief John LeDoux, Deputy Chief Michael Scott, Battalion Chief Joe Hutson, Assistant Shop Steward Bryan Notheis, Legal Counsel Dan McLaughlin and CPA Rick Rognan.

The agenda was approved with the addition of approving the bills on Director Houston's motion and Director Grassmuck's second. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

On a motion of Director Houston and second of Director Wilson, the regular meeting minutes of October 5, 2023, were approved. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

There were no questions on the bills. Director Houston motioned, and Director Grassmuck approved the bills as presented. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

CPA Rognan provided September's Financial Report. Nine months in and 75% is the threshold. The district is at 77.75% or 2.75% over. Mr. Rognan explained history has shown we will begin to trend down again. He went over revenues and expenses indicating all revenue categories have exceeded the budgeted amount. He discussed interest stating the Chief has done a great job in laddering the revenue. He informed the board rates will stay high for at least another year. Revenue categories are 8.13% better than projected. On the expenses side, the majority of the overages are timing. Vehicle maintenance is not, and will go over, all the rest should be in good shape. CPA Rognan reviewed the reserve fund, which are snapshots as of September 30th, and is up 13.37% from last year. At the end of the year it estimated there will be 9.98 months of expenses in reserve. Up two full months in a year. CPA Rognan stated this is great bottom-line management. There was discussion regarding the appropriate amount to have in reserve.

Old Business:

Insurance Renewals for 2024 are coming in. A 3% increase in premiums has been proposed from Simpara for health insurance. They are still working on a renewal for stop loss. There will be a meeting again next Tuesday. Chief Schneider shared that dental will see a 6% increase and Eyemed is rate locked until 2026. Simpara will be presenting the

insurance renewals on October 19. Chief Schneider discussed P&C and Work Comp are still being processed, and more information will also come next week.

The 2024 Budget preparation with CPA Rognan went well today. Only numbers the group is waiting on is insurance. A draft budget will be presented later this month.

New Business:

No New Business

Officers Report:

Chief Schneider nothing to report.

Assistant Chief LeDoux gave an update on staffing. He also stated he met with the insurance adjuster for Station 3 and it will be a large claim for roofs, siding and gutters. Assistant Chief LeDoux will work with Legal Counsel to get these items bid out. He also informed the board of a Forced Main issue at Station 1 and more information will come later, they are currently working on this.

Deputy Chief Scott had nothing to report.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee is outside working on the Forced Main issue.

Battalion Chief Huston, Happy Birthday to Joe. Battalion Chief Huston reported operations are going smoothly.

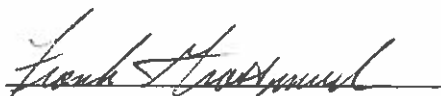
Assistant Shop Steward Bryan Notheis stated they are starting the physical portion of the application process for new hires which starts tomorrow.

Legal Counsel McLaughlin had nothing to report.

Chief Schneider shared with the board there will be a movie night this Saturday, Firefighter Paramedic Ohlms and Administrative Assistant Krieger have been organizing this.

Board Report: the next two meetings will be at 4:30 on October 19th, and October 26th which will also be the Quarterly Pension meeting.

The board adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m. on a motion of Director Houston and seconded by Director Wilson. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.


Frank Grassmuck, Secretary


Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary