



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of July 8, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on July 8, 2021, at Wentzville Fire District Headquarters, 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville, MO 63385

Chief Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum: No one from the public was present for comment.

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 Mike Scott, Shop Steward Max Mueller as well as CPA Rick Rognan

Director Hawkins made a motion to drop bid specs from closed session and add approval of the open and closed meeting minutes of July 1, 2021, to the agenda. It was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Director Hawkins motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 1, 2021; it was seconded by Director Houston. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

On a motion of Director Hawkins and second of Director Grassmuck, the closed meeting minutes of July 1, 2021, were approved. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

There were no questions on the bills, Director Hawkins motioned to approve the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Houston. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

CPA Rognan presented the June financials. He discussed the preliminary assessment; it is a reassessment year. Assessments have increased 209 million 9.97% increase but may change by the time we file our tax rate. He stated new construction is down by 9 million or 15.71%, but still a very strong number. The district is still in good shape. The district is projected to roll back the tax rate by 2.75 cent per \$100 assessed value. Debt service rates are to be foreseen. It appears the tax rate will be .74 to .75 cents which is lower from last year, but \$773,000 more in revenue, due to new construction. There was discussion regarding where the district rates within the state and CPA Rognan stated Mehlville is number one at the state. Our district has potential

to be number one in the next 10 years. Monarch is number two currently. Director Hawkins inquired about Mehlville's growth; CPA Rognan stated South County is stable. Tax rates will be set in September. CPA Rognan presented the June financials indicated the district is getting closer to being on budget. The benchmark is 50% and we are at 53.72% or \$534,000 over budget, but still on trend to be under budget. Tax revenue 99.66% the remaining trickle in throughout the year. Permits are where we were last year at \$595,000. He stated we will not make the mark for interest as rates have bottomed out. Revenue is \$234,579 more than anticipated. He stated growth continues in the district. On the expense side IT Technology is in same position as last year. Dues and subscriptions are paid once per year and will be on budget. P&C is at 87.42% but there will be savings before it is said and done. Professional fees are at 60.27% this is because the actuary and audit came through. Pension employee is nothing more than timing. The district has spent 53.72% have spent more than last year but have brought in \$210,000 more. CPA Rognan explained the cash is in the exact same position as last year. Stating there is 60 months or 60% of expenses in reserve. Permits are more than last year. He stated call volume is going up. 544 this year as to 412 last year. Year to date there are 476 more calls, up 17.7%, at this trend the district can expect to run 5200-5400 calls. CPA Rognan stated the district is in great shape financially, continue to be conservative.

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

No New Business

Officers Report:

Chief Schneider reported the renewal for MEM is being executed, and that a webinar was attended. He shared there was a meeting with county fire chiefs and CPA Rognan to discussion the property tax bill in legislation. He stated many options are being explored. Chief Schneider also reminded the board that next week is the quarterly pension meeting. He also shared good news from FWM and Empower that they have agreed to lower their fees on the DC and DB, RHRA and the 457 plans. Director Houston inquired if Chief Schneider asked for these to be lowered and he did. Chief Schneider stated the DB plan is structured a little differently and it will be a while before fees will be lowered on this plan. Chief Schneider thanked the board for the DB plan.

Assistant Chief LeDoux stated there was a planning meeting yesterday, and that he and BC Huston are going through policies and SOGS. He indicated he will be working with Shop Steward Mueller to get people on the committee. Assistant Chief LeDoux also shared that Assured Partners, the P&C company has a platform, with lawyers through the State of Missouri to review policies to ensure they follow statutes.

Deputy Chief Scott reported on work being done for a CEU program to ensure EMT/Paramedics are getting their training. Missouri Bureau of EMS has revamped their system, so Labor Management is exploring options to make sure training CEUs are completed. Two companies have bid the CEU training and more will be presented at an upcoming meeting. He also stated the County Fair meeting was held today, and they are expecting larger crowds this year. Lastly, he informed the board he received an email about the damaged hoses, and a check has been issued to replace them. He also stated the district hosted a grant class and it was a good class and gave great ideas.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee was absent.


Battalion Chief Meyer was on a fire.

Legal Counsel McLaughlin was not present.

Shop Steward Mueller reported on the shop meeting in which CPA Rognan was present. It went well.

Chief Schneider thanked the Community Outreach for grilling hotdogs on the 4th.

Director Hawkins motioned adjourn the regular meeting for closed session at 6:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.


Frank Grassmuck, Secretary


Lisa Potts, Recording Secretary