



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of February 22, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on February 22, 2022, at Wentzville Fire District Headquarters, 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville, MO 63385.

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

Open Forum: No one from the public was present.

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

Also in attendance were Assistant Chief John LeDoux, Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, Battalion Chief Willie Meyer as well CPA Rick Rognan via the phone.

Director Hawkins made a motion to approve the agenda as presented it was seconded by 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 February 8, 2022, 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 approval was seconded by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

January Financials were presented by CPA Rognan. 8.3% is the threshold and the district is at 11.73% or \$524,000 over. History shows that the district starts out over budget and ends up under budget. CPA Rognan went over the summary of revenue and expenses indicating the district has collected 88.51% of tax revenue. This district is \$24,198 ahead in revenue over last year. CPA Rognan discussed the expenses stating timing has a big factor in overages of these line items at this time. He reviewed the reserves of the district and stated if the district spends the entire budget for 2022, there will be about \$8.4 million or 55% of our expenses in reserve at the end of the year. There was discussion regarding the difference from last year to this year in reserve. CPA Rognan presented the calls, stating in January crews responded to 566 calls. This is up 165 calls from last year or a 29.2% increase from January 2021.

Old Business:

Review and approval of Rebound Program. Director Houston inquired regarding the references and data provided, asking if the information provided was pre-pandemic success of the program or current? Chief Schneider was unsure and will review tomorrow and provide an update. Chief Schneider did inform the board the network is not established in St. Louis but is being created and the launch in St. Louis maybe pushed back to April 1st. He stated Cornerstone would like to have all five fire districts interested enter at once. This item's review and approval has been tabled until Monday, February 28, 2022.

New Business:

The board was presented with three Resolutions to adopt.

Chief Schneider read the summary of Resolution 22-01:

A Resolution in Support of Proposition R, Proposing the Reauthorization of the St. Charles County Transportation Sales Tax for the April 5, 2022, General Ballot.

On a motion of Director Grassmuck and a second of Director Houston Resolution 22-01 was adopted. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Chief Schneider read the summary of Resolution 22-02

Resolution Urging State Senators and State Representatives to Oppose Senate Bill 649 and/or any related or amended bill, version, which would phase out or eliminate personal property tax.

Director Grassmuck motioned adopt Resolution 22-02. It was seconded by Director Houston. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Chief Schneider read the summary of Resolution 22-03

A Resolution Urging State Representative and State Senators to Oppose House Bill 1611 and Senate Bill 1049, and/or any related or amended bill, version, which would create a partisan local election as well as any amendment to move the general municipal elections to November.

On a motion of Director Grassmuck and a second of Director Hawkins, Resolution 22-03 was adopted. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Officers Report:

Chief Schneider expressed his appreciation for the efforts on the Resolutions. He stated the Chiefs spoke with lobbyist on Friday and a full report will be given at the mid-term.

Assistant Chief LeDoux reported he and Joe Hutson have launched the Lexipol procedures. He stated they will be dropping a little at a time to the crews. He and Chief Schneider would like to provide a demo to the board at an upcoming meeting.

Deputy Chief Scott reported the MEM safety grant hose roller came in. He is working on a training with that. He also stated the FEMA reimbursement has been moved to the obligation step and SEMA is working on this with Deputy Chief Scott to complete. Deputy Chief Scott also reported he is scheduling some State trainings.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee reported on a house fire from last Friday.

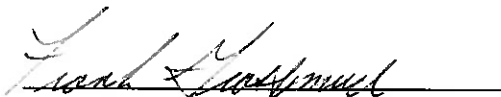
Battalion Chief Meyer had nothing to report.


Legal Counsel McLaughlin was not present.

Shop Steward was not present.

Next meeting is Monday, February 28, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Director Houston reported she will have some conflicts with March meetings but will know more next week. Chief Schneider reminded the board of Blacklight Bingo being April 1st and 2nd, stating tickets will be ordered through a link.

On a motion of Director Hawkins and a second of Director Grassmuck, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm
Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.


Frank Grassmuck, Secretary


Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary