



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of November 3, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on November 3, 2022, at Wentzville Fire District Headquarters, 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville, MO 63385 at 5:57 p.m.

Fire Chief John Schneider called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum: No one from the public was present to the Board.

Chief Schneider called roll. Three 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 Michael Scott, Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, Shop Steward Max Mueller. Captain Fred Hohenshell, Firefighter Paramedic Mike Szarwinski, Firefighter Paramedic Pat Szarwinski, Firefighter Paramedic Jake Plaggenburg, as well as Adam Berkowitz and Ashley Smith from Simpara.

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 from Director Houston, the Board Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2022, were approved. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Old Business:

There were no questions on Resolution 22-08 for the Investment Policy. Chief Schneider read Resolution 22-08 and will attach it to the minutes.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT POLICY.

WHEREAS the Wentzville Fire Protection District wishes to adopt an investment policy pursuant to RSMo. 30.950; and

WHEREAS, the Wentzville Fire Protection has reviewed the "Model Investment Policy" previously

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Wentzville Fire Protection District as follows:

1. Wentzville Fire Protection District adopts the Investment Policy attached as Exhibit A.

Director Hawkins motion to adopt resolution 22-08. It was second by Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

New Business:

Simpara was welcomed to present their review of Health Insurance the district's self-fund insurance plan that took effect on July 1, 2022. Simpara stated they will provide quarterly reviews until the board decides otherwise. Adam Berkowitz stated trends in utilization are a benefit of being self-funded and he provided statistics to the board. Simpara showed the claims paid out for the quarter, Mr. Berkowitz indicated there is a lag, and it generally takes two months for claims to process. He stated the district has 67% of claims paid out and for a plan our size this is healthy. Simpara discussed that health advisors are working to mitigate claims to lower the claims paid out with individual members. There was discussion regarding top providers within the plan as well as other utilizations within the plan. Ms. Smith discussed the addition of network providers being added to the plan. Ms. Smith stated they are reviewing claims over \$10,000 and Simpara is looking for ways to mitigate these claims with various programs. Ms. Smith also talked about pharmacy usage and discussed the use of manufacture assistant programs. Director Houston discussed the patents on medication and inquired if Simpara has insight into when the patents drop for brand specific medications. Ms. Smith discussed advocacy measures stating Simpara has provided information regarding the number of calls received for assistance during this quarter. Simpara is always trying to add providers to improve the plan for the members. Ms. Smith provided information regarding costs for budgeting in 2023. She stated the fixed costs of the plan remain the same for 2023. The board was pleased with this information. Director Houston verified the call volume in July was high due to implementation. Chief Schneider stated the bucket account was closed today. Chief Schneider complemented Ms. Smith for her knowledge and customer service during our biweekly calls.

Officer's Report:

Chief Schneider thanked the crews for their efforts at the Trunk or Treat. 1800 came through. Tomorrow part of the school liaison program, we will be cooking hotdogs and playing bags with the community prior to a big playoff game between Holt and Timberland. Chief Schneider provided a kudos to the outreach for the great ideas coming forward.

Assistant Chief LeDoux provided a staffing update.

Deputy Chief Scott training committee will be meeting on ideas for 2023. The appeal determination for the FEMA grant was received and it was denied.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee reported 236 permits have been issued in the first 10 months. He also informed the board he and Inspector Mosher will be attending a conference next week from Tuesday to Friday.

Battalion Chief Hutson was not present.


Legal Counsel McLaughlin was not present.

Shop Steward Mueller thanked Simpara. He stated they have been great to work with and the customer service has been great.

Firefighter Paramedic Szarwinski thanked everyone for the help at the Trunk or Treat. He informed the board of upcoming events. Coats for Kids on November 12th and on December 10th will be breakfast with Santa. He also shared the potential for three nights of bingo on April 13, 14, and 15. More will be coming on this event.

There was discussion regarding meeting times for the upcoming weeks. Chief Schneider reminded the board that on November 10th CPA Rognan will be coming.

On a motion of Director Grassmuck and second of Director Houston the meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.


Frank Grassmuck, Secretary


Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary



**WENTZVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 22-08**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT POLICY.

WHEREAS the Wentzville Fire Protection District wishes to adopt an investment policy pursuant to RSMo. 30.950; and

WHEREAS, the Wentzville Fire Protection District has reviewed the "Model Investment Policy" previously prepared by the Missouri State Treasurer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Wentzville Fire Protection District as follows:

1. Wentzville Fire Protection District adopts the Investment Policy attached as Exhibit A.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE WENTZVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS THIS 3rd DAY OF November, 2022.

WENTZVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

By: *Frank Hassmud*

Director

By: *JR Houston*

Director

By: *Robert E. Vaugler*

Director

ATTEST:

Stacy Kuger
Secretary of the Board of Directors