



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of October 14, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on October 14, 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 was Assistant Chief John LeDoux, CPA Rick Rognan, and Matt Rankey from Feathershark.

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 October 7, 2021 were approved. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Director Hawkins motioned to approve the bills as presented. Director Grassmuck seconded. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

CPA Rognan provided the financial report for September. Nine months in the benchmark is 75%, we are 74.61, .39% under budget. We have been trending down all year. The district is \$62,000 under budget. CPA Rognan reviewed the revenue and expenses. Revenue tax dollar budget has been made and is up \$923,000 from last year. Interest probably won't make the mark; interest rates won't come back until 2023-2024. The district has met budgeted revenue. There is a difference of \$1.1 million more from last year to this year. This shows the growth in our area. CPA Rognan stated this will be seen for at least one more year. He explained the expense lines, indicating building maintenance is at 83.59% or one month ahead, and \$10,000 ahead from last year. This is a line to keep an eye on. IT

Technology is 92.29% of budget, we have \$4,600 to go but we have spent less than last year. Dues and Subscription are at 80.52%, but anticipate will be on target, this is just timing. Fuel is at 76.32%, slightly ahead, this line will most likely go over, gas prices continue to go up, the district can anticipate going over on this category. Insurance 75.44% slightly ahead, big expense was the HSA. P&C on target and spending less. Pension is timing, should be on target on budget. Supplies Medical, \$1,800 to go, this could go over as well. 74.61%, expenses only up 1 million, so right \$67,000 ahead of where we were last year. Reserve assuming, we spend everything would come in at \$8.9 million at the end of year, or 62% of expenses. Last year was 63%. Calls we have been up every month except for January. 45% increase. Up 732 17.4% for the year, on target for 5500 calls for the year. Great management. Budget committee met yesterday it was a great proactive meeting. There was discussion about meetings for November, November 11th is Veterans Day, CPA Rognan will present the financials and draft budget at the November 18th meeting.

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

Chief Schneider stated the property casualty company has been discussing cybersecurity and what the district is doing from a liability standpoint. Feathershark has met with our P&C company to discuss the protection for the district. Matt Rankey was present and discussed some options. Data and integrity are doing well, there is new technology for making sure nothing happens, viruses are now different, codes, change and no way to flag with antivirus. There is technology network, and attacks are more social, training needs to occur, and move to a two-factor authorization. Jump Cloud, a single user sign-on for every system, this is where the two-factor authorization comes in. Know Before, is the training for social attacks. Scout-DNS could be implement on our network for virus protection, and would include personal computers, if on our network. It is currently mitigated through the two networks we have, but the Scout DNS will elevate this protection. Shop Steward Mueller stated this was a good time for this presentation as today there was an issue with teachers in the State of Missouri. The second piece is having a plan to replace hardware on the five-year rotation, Mr. Rankey would like permission to upgrade routers to make them faster. He would like to implement proactive measures to keep systems from going down. This would also include LTE air-card on the router and keep critical pieces up while problems are being updated. Planning and CPA Rognan discussed budgeting for these items, for next year these suggestions would be capital items. Director Hawkins understands the times and stated the board will have to discuss the financial portion at the budget level. Director Houston stated the liability issue is a huge factor.

Officers Report:

Chief Schneider stated budget work has started and is looking good. He stated he will send out an email Friday about changing November meetings.

Assistant Chief LeDoux reported on two things. Indicating a large order of PPE from SEMA was received. He stated there have been three meetings with Lexipol, starting to upload information. There are a lot of exciting features.

Deputy Chief Scott on vacation.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee was not present.

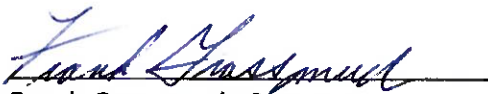
Battalion Chief Hutson was on a call.


Legal Counsel McLaughlin was not present.

Shop Steward Mueller nothing to report, everything was covered.

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

The board returned to open session and on a motion of Director Hawkins and a second of Director Grassmuck, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.


Frank Grassmuck, Secretary


Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary