

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of October 2, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on October 2, 2024, at Wentzville Fire District Headquarters, 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd, Wentzville, MO 63385

Chief Mosher called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Open Forum: No one from the public was present.

Chief Mosher called Roll. Three Board Members were present: Director Jennifer Houston, Director Frank Grassmuck, and Director Chad Wilson.

Other attendees included Assistant Chief Michael Scott, Fire Marshal Chris Cuddihee, Battalion Chief Willie Meyer, Shop Steward Max Mueller, Firefighter EMT Angel Rubio and Administrative Assistant Stacy Krieger.

Director Houston motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Director Grassmuck seconded it. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, Director Wilson-aye.

On a motion from Director Houston and a second of Director Grassmuck, the September 23, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, and Director Wilson-aye.

Director Houston motioned, and Director Grassmuck seconded approving the bills as presented. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye, and Director Wilson-aye.

Old Business:

Firefighter EMT Rubio spoke to the board regarding his journey and expressed appreciation from the district as he continues to progress.

New Business:

Chief Mosher informed the board that Moody's rating call is complete. We will know next week if any changes are made. He reminded the board that October 24th will be a whole day of bond items. It is the sale day, and the board must approve at the board meeting that evening.

Officers Report:

Chief Mosher shared that 9815 is back in service. He also reminded the board that a budgeted pension payment will be made at the end of October. Chief Mosher stated that Station 3 is now on Starlink, and today, crews are working at Station 1 to install Gateway Fiber. These changes will provide future cost savings. He also informed the property and casualty number for the budget that had been entered, and the district was informed of being undervalued for the buildings and vehicles due to inflation. Chief Mosher provided a letter from Ready Rebound regarding their valuing model. The board would like to see a 30-day out clause in their one-year contract before considering renewal. Chief Mosher discussed items out of planning, such as training and basic skill knowledge. Director Houston stated that she wants to see a program to coach to a standard and that a process like this will elevate the organization. Members cannot just rest on their laurels but need to take ownership as well.

Assistant Chief Scott informed the board that a Search Culture Class is being held here next week, with over 70 people daily. He also informed them the St. Charles County Fire Academy will be doing auto extrication this weekend. He informed the board that all items had been extracted from Lexipol and that they could be notified that we were no longer using their platform. Chief Scott told the board he is still working on the radio grant and has to submit for repeaters for the portable radios.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee shared that he was going to a meeting about installing emergency response radios in big buildings to improve communication.

Battalion Chief Meyer stated that 9814 was in the shop, and the truck committee was at Sentinel for a new truck meeting. He stated that the district is demoing a Life Pac monitor. SCCAD is moving away from Zoll. BC Meyer reported that the district is roughly 250 calls ahead of last year.

Legal Counsel McLaughlin was absent.

Shop Steward Mueller had nothing to report.

Administrative Assistant Krieger provided an update on Fire Prevention Month.

Board Report: October 7, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., October 15, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., October 24, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

On a motion of Director Houston, seconded by Director Grassmuck, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m. Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck- aye, and Director Wilson- aye.

Frank Grassmuck, Secretary

Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary