



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the Wentzville Fire Protection District of October 29, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Wentzville Fire Protection District was held on October 29, 2020 via video conferencing due to COVID-19 pandemic and current CDC restrictions.

Chief Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Chief Schneider also asked for a moment of silence to honor Lynn Stevenson a former volunteer who died.

Open Forum: No one from the public was present.

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 Michael Scott, Battalion Chief Willie Meyer, and Shop Steward Max Mueller.

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.

Director Hawkins motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 22, 2020; the motion was seconded by Director Houston. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.

Director Hawkins made a motion to approve the closed meeting minutes of October 22, 2020. The motion was second of Director Grassmuck. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye

Director Hawkins motioned to approve the bills and the motion was seconded by Director Houston. Chief Schneider explained the extra approval for the vehicle indicating three vehicles had been approved for this year's budget and due to COVID issues arose, but the Colorado is being manufactured and will be delivered next week. Director Grassmuck inquired about the final cost which was \$34,956 under the state bid package. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye

Old Business:

Chief Schneider provided an update on the healthcare renewal. He stated the committee is chipping away at rate, and still not at a level which is acceptable. The group is looking at options. Chief Schneider informed the board Kevin Cunneen is on the calendar for next meeting to present the healthcare options. Chief Schneider did say the committee is looking at deductibles and trying to minimize impact to the group. He stated December 1st is our deadline for the renewal. Director Hawkins asked about options and was told there are about seven options, between two carriers UHC

and Anthem. Cigna declined and Aetna has not submitted a proposal. Tiered drugs and deductibles are the factors being addressed. Chief Schneider stated next year the committee will be reviewing options for structure changes. He did say many of the surrounding districts are having similar issues and discussion with their leadership.

New Business:

No new business

Officers Report:

Chief Schneider had nothing to report.

Assistant Chief LeDoux reported on COVID staffing levels.

Deputy Chief Scott reported yesterday we received the letter indicated we did not receive funding for the 2019 grant. Chief Schneider stated he and Deputy LeDoux discussed reason behind the failed attempts and it is believed to be the economic state of our county. He indicated they will be getting grant writing advise from the International. Chief Schneider also stated the district should be receiving the CARES Act money within 10 days and will let the board know when it arrives.

Fire Marshal Cuddihee off this evening.

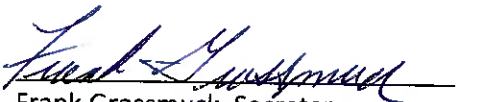
Battalion Chief Meyer had nothing to report.

Legal Counsel McLaughlin was not present.

Shop Steward Mueller had nothing to report.

No Board Report

On a motion of Director Hawkins and a second of Director Grassmuck the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m. Director Hawkins-aye, Director Houston-aye, Director Grassmuck-aye.


Frank Grassmuck, Secretary


Stacy Krieger, Recording Secretary