



FIRE DISTRICT #1 JOHNSON COUNTY
33364 W. 191st St.
Edgerton, KS 66021

AMENDED MINUTES -- Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
33364 W. 191st St - Edgerton, KS
June 13, 2023, at 7:00 pm

A regular monthly meeting of the Fire District #1 Board of Directors was held in person and was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Randy Gregorcyk.

The following staff members were present and signed in:

Fire Chief Dennis Meyers	Division Chief Trig Morley
Division Chief Colby Stanchfield	Division Chief Aaron Winkler
Fire Marshal Brad Ralston	Battalion Chief Michael Hirschmann
Battalion Chief Jerame Frank	Battalion Chief Tom Turner
Battalion Chief Brad Davis	Firefighter Personnel
Administrative Services Ashley Smith	

The following guests were present:

Andrew Holder, Fisher, Patterson, Sayler & Smith, LLP, Legal Counsel Fire District #1 Jo. Co.
Matt Magle, CPA Hollis, Kuckelman, Van De Veer, Chartered
Shirley Allenbrand, Johnson County Commissioner
Joe Connor, Johnson County Assistant County Manager
Jim Francis, Johnson County Fire Services Administrator

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was distributed by Chairman Randy Gregorcyk. Board member Keith Johnson moved to approve the amended agenda as presented. Board Secretary/Treasurer Ron Conus seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The roll being called, it was found to be a quorum of the following members present and participating; to-wit:

Randy Gregorcyk, Chairman	Present
Mark Burdolski, Vice Chair	Absent
Ron Conus, Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Keith Johnson	Present
Connie Schmidt	Present via Phone-in

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

We have a new addition to the agenda as suggested by the board at the June 2022 monthly Board meeting. Vice Chairman Mark Burdolski presented the public comments as stated; members of the public are welcome to use this time to make comments about matters or items on the agenda that are not part of a public meeting. Members of the public are asked to keep their comments to three minutes. Comments are for informational purposes only. No action will be taken.

No public was present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 9, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Secretary/Treasurer Ron Conus requested clarification within the minutes stating that the restricted funds were S&V, Contingency and Equipment. Fire District Accountant Matt Magle clarified that the Contingency Fund is **also a** restricted line item.

Board Secretary/Treasurer Ron Conus moved to approve the May 9, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes as written. Board Member Keith Johnson seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. May 2023 Financial Report

Fire District #1 Accountant Matt Magle presented the May 2023 Financial Report. Financials should be at 58.5% for the year. Currently the district sits at 58.7% which is within expenditures. Chief Meyers stated that with 2-3 people out on long-term injuries and one absent on FMLA, we are keeping close tabs on our overtime line item. Board Secretary/Treasurer Ron Conus noted that it was looking better than last month.

Chief Stanchfield reported on the investment accounts. Initially \$2 million was invested in a six-month CD. \$2 million, 30 thousand was moved into a money market account. CDs are earning 5.05% and money market accounts are earning 4.76%. Another \$2.5 million received from the county deposit was deposited into a 30-day 5.14% US Treasury account. All investments were initiated on May 5th. In the last 25 days, \$15,000 in interest was earned. Accountant Matt Magle stated that the District needs to determine how to allocate the interest funds.

Board Treasurer/Secretary Ron Conus moved to accept the May 2023 Financial Report. Board Member Keith Johnson seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Fire Chief Dennis Meyers Report

Chief Meyers announced that Edgerton Frontier Days is the coming weekend.

The Fire District reserved the Gardner Aquatic Center on Friday June 23, 2023 from 5-10pm for a staff and family pool party. The celebration is in lieu of a Christmas party. The anticipated total spending is \$1,500.

A Wildland Crew is preparing for deployment; including Battalion Chief Hirschmann, Captain Robinson and Firefighter Gourley and the new Wildland brush truck.

The new record management system transition, led by Battalion Chief Chris Russell, is underway. Olathe and Lenexa Fire Departments are doing the same and are about one month ahead of us. We are on track.

Olathe Fire Department funded and invited our crews to their station for Aerial Tower Training. An officer from the New York Fire Department taught the class. Four firefighters from our district attended the class at no cost.

Board Chairman Randy Gregorcyk asked if there is any update on our health insurance. Chief Stanchfield told the board that the district is in the process of switching insurance providers. The District already switched to Bukaty as the insurance broker due to issues with inaccuracies with our previous broker.

In preparation for the 2024 budget and with Humana leaving the market, changes needed to be made. Blue Cross and Blue Shield offered to lock in rates for 12 months. The Fire District will offer a base plan and two buy up plans. Meetings with staff occurred to notify them of the upcoming changes and an effective enrollment date of August 1st is anticipated. Board member Keith Johnson asked how many companies quoted the district. Aetna and United Healthcare declined to quote the district. Humana offered a renewal of 30-35% premium increases.

No action taken.

Declaration. At this time, Board Members may declare any conflict or communication they have had that might influence their ability to impartially consider today's issues.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2024 Budget Discussions.

Chief Winkler presented the 2024 Budget discussions. After the budget work session on June 5th, the Executive staff evaluated each line item and compared previous expenditure trends with the current and future budget projections. The Position Specific Salary Adjustment seems to be the best fit. The Board of Directors was provided with spreadsheets and explanations of each position's projected increase for 2024.

During the budget work decision, the **district was** encouraged to strive for the middle to the top 1/3 of firefighter salaries in our area. The hope is the other departments will offer 5% increases to give Fire District #1 the opportunity to catch up. Chief Morley added that the main focus for 2024 spending is staff. All employees are willing to work hard to keep funding in line throughout the year to make sure our employees are taken care of.

The July board of directors monthly meeting will be held July 11th. Direction for the 2024 budget will need to be confirmed prior to that meeting.

No action taken.

- b. b. Consider approving MHC Kenworth to rebuild the motor for Engine 82 for an estimated amount not to exceed \$36,000.00.

Chief Morley presented the Board Action Form and supporting quotations from MHC Kenworth to the board of directors. The motor for Engine 82 is in need of immediate repair. Returning from a call, oil pressure in the apparatus suddenly dropped. The truck was towed to MHC Olathe where they were unable to offer a timely repair. The MHC Kansas City location was able to provide two options for repair immediately. In addition, MHC Kansas City offered lower costs for labor to rebuild the engine.

Board Member Keith Johnson moved to approve MHC Kenworth to rebuild the motor for Engine 82 for an estimated amount not to exceed \$36,000.00. Board Secretary/Treasurer Ron Conus seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Consider going into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel; pursuant to statutory justification listed in K.S.A. 75-4319(b).

Board Member Keith Johnson moved to enter into executive session beginning at 7:45pm and resume the open meeting 8:15 pm. The board of directors invited Fire District attorney Andrew Holder to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Board Treasurer/Secretary Ron Conus seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

Board Member Keith Johnson motioned to resume the open meeting at 8:15pm. Board Treasurer/Secretary Ron Conus seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

Board Chairman Randy Gregorcyk read Chief Meyer's letter of resignation to the board to go on record.

"Dear All,

Well, it is time. After several days of discussions, I have decided to retire from Fire District #1. The last 10 years have been challenging, but with the help of all of you, we made this a better place.

After 54 years in the Fire Service, it is time for me to relax and move on to the next phase of my life. With the new lake house, I plan on spending time doing nothing, at the lake.

I want to thank all of you for your support and friendship. It has been the best part of my career.

My last day will be June 30th.

Respectfully,

Chief Dennis Meyers”

Board Treasurer/Secretary Ron Conus moved to accept Chief Meyes resignation. Board Chairman Randy Gregorcyk seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

Board Chairman Gregorcyk announced that in light of the acceptance of Chief Meyers retirement, the Board discussed appointing an Interim Fire Chief. Board Chairman motioned to appoint Chief Trig Morley as the Interim Fire Chief until such time as the the Board of Directors hires a permanent Fire Chief. Board Treasurer/Secretary Ron Conus seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

The Board Chairman thanked Chief Meyers for the phenomenal work he has done for Fire District #1.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Keith Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Treasurer/Secretary Ron Conus seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Next monthly board meeting will be held on July 11th, 2023 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in person at Station #81, 33364 W. 191st ST. Edgerton, KS 66021.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted by:

FIRE DISTRICT #1 JOHNSON COUNTY

Ashley Smith, Administrative Services
Recording Secretary

Trig Morley, Interim Fire Chief

The above minutes having been read and considered by the Board of Directors of Fire District #1 Johnson County, and having been found to be correct as written, or with minor changes as shown above, was approved on this 11th day of July 2023.

APPROVED by BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FIRE DISTRICT #1 JOHNSON COUNTY