

Minutes of the Fern Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees October 11, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

In order to provide the highest level of public access, the Fern Creek Fire Protection District, in accordance with KRS 61.826 and recent Kentucky Supreme Court rulings, is providing access to all members of the public, both at a physical location at 6200 Bardstown Road, as well as via a video teleconference which can be accessed as presented on our website. It is understood that any board member attending via video teleconference must be able to be seen and heard, and in the event that there is a technology issue, provided a quorum remains, that trustee(s) will be able to attend the meeting, but may not vote until audio and video are reestablished. If enough trustees are unable to vote due to remote technology issues such that a quorum no longer remains, the meeting will be adjourned.

The following GoToMeeting link has been provided for those not able to or those choosing not to attend in person:

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A meeting invitation has been sent to each individual board member via email and notice to the public was provided via posting at station # 1 and also on our website.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ott at 7:03 p.m.

Members present: H. Ott, S. Pierce, T. Deloch (virtual), C. Bauer, D. Shewmaker

Guest present: Chief Mulvey, Deputy Chief Evans, Deputy Chief Storie, Major Elstone, Lt Col. Hutchens, Attorney Leach, Daugherty, Crawford, Capt. Epley, Travis Frick and Matt Huelsman with Jones Nale & Mattingly

Major Schmidt read the names of those First Responders who have passed, and a moment of silence was observed.

- Motion Deloch, 2nd Pierce to approve September minutes as presented. MC unanimously
- Motion Shewmaker, 2nd Pierce to approve June, July, August and September financial reports as presented. MC unanimously

Announcements & Correspondence

- Current bank statements were available for review.
- JCSFS meeting will be October 21st at Jeffersontown station # 1 at 12:00 p.m.
- October 26th mandatory virtual training regarding Ethics, Open Records, Board Accountability and Oversight (meeting recording will be available for those unable to attend)
- Denton Group September report: *Proposed legislation regarding COVID-19 immunization protocols, COVID-19 occupational exposures, 1st responder death benefits due to COVID-19.*

Old Business

- Auditors Frick and Huelsman presented the 20/2021 audit report. Motion Bauer, 2nd Deloch to approve the 20/2021 audit as presented. MC unanimously

Chief and Committee Reports

Chief Mulvey: Chief's report included September fire and EMS run times; recommendation to hire FF Justin with a hire date of October 18th. Motion Bauer, 2nd Pierce to hire Justin Evans as a Firefighter. MC unanimously; WHAS Crusade will be presenting FC with the Walton Award on Thursday.

Deputy Chief Evans: applied for a thermal imaging grant from the fire commission; discussed other grants being applied for; congratulated the recruits on passing their IFSAC testing; advanced EMT classes to be held at J-town FPD; Training Academy - discussion to change fee schedule; still in negotiations with the Fire Commission

Deputy Chief Storrie: Reported on Fireman's fund balance; apparatus committee will be traveling to the Pierce Mfg soon

Lt. Col. Hutchens: participating with FC Christian Church for a Halloween event

Major Neal: September reported largest run volume since inception; continuing to accept EMT & Paramedic applications

Major Schmidt: nothing new to report

Major Elstone: Construction projects continues within the District

New Business

- JCSFS interlocal agreement and bylaw changes. Motion Bauer, 2nd Shewmaker to accept the revision to the interlocal agreement with the Suburban fire districts. MC unanimously
- Motion Shewmaker, 2nd Bauer to enter into an interlocal agreement with Buechel Fire Protection District to share resources and equipment as needed. MC unanimously
- Revision to Employee handbook section 106, Drug and Alcohol in regards to the prevision regarding CBD products. Motion Shewmaker, 2nd Pierce to approve as presented. Bauer abstained. MC
- Motion Shewmaker, 2nd Bauer to approve purchasing \$75.00 Amazon gift cards for Christmas gifts for active fulltime members, volunteers and lifetime members. MC unanimously
- Chief Mulvey would like permission from the Board to actively discuss merging with Buechel FPD with a merger target date of 7/1/2022. Motion Shewmaker, 2nd Deloch to develop a committee of Chief Mulvey, Chief Jones, Chairman Ott, Chairman Ash and Treasurer Pierce, and to move forward with merger discussions with Buechel FPD with a target date of 7/1/2022. MC unanimously
- Discussion of the funding options for the Christmas gifts for the members children

Adjournment

Motion Shewmaker, 2nd Bauer to adjourn meeting at 8:09 p.m. MC unanimously

Respectfully submitted,


Tracy Deloch, Secretary


Nancy Daugherty, Recorder

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