

**Minutes of the Fern Creek Fire Protection District  
Board of Trustees meeting  
December 13, 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, [www.FernCreekFire.com](http://www.FernCreekFire.com) . 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 7:01 p.m.

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

Guest present: Chief Mulvey, Deputy Chief Evans, Deputy Chief Storrie, Major Elstone, Major Neal, Attorney Leach, Asst. Chief Hutchens, Captain Epley, J. Crawford, N. Daugherty

Moment of silence for those affected by the tornados in Western Kentucky.

- Motion Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shewmaker to approve November minutes as presented. MC unanimously
- Motion Pierce, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deloch to approve November financials as presented. MC unanimously
- Motion Shewmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown to approve 11/01/2021 Steering Committee minutes as presented. MC unanimously

**Announcements & Correspondence**

- Current bank statements were available for review.
- Tax deposit received 12/10 in the amount of \$1,931,840.28.
- Denton Group November report: State-wide (district) map redrawing; ARPA funding; prefiled bills for January's session.

**Old Business**

- Motion Bannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bauer to approve up to \$95,00.00 from FYE June 2020's surplus for the painting of station # 2's exterior. MC unanimously    Motion Bannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bauer to amend the motion to allow the Chief to sign the contract once the bidding process is completed. MC unanimously
- Motion Bannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown to approve paying CB&T \$550,000.00 to be applied to the EMS loan principal. Funding from the FYE 2020 and 2021 surplus. MC unanimously
- Discussed paving of station # 2's parking lot. Bidding cannot be received until the spring. \$100,000 from FYE 2021 surplus will be allocated for this and remainder of the FYE 2021 surplus will remain in current operating reserves.

## **Chief and Committee Reports**

**Chief Mulvey:** Chief's (written) report included November Fire and EMS run information; seeking legal opinion on how merger will affect ownership assets of the training academy; would like to add an add'l Chaplin; Motion Shewmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bauer to approve moving recruit Michael Simon to Chrome Badge. MC unanimously FF Simon will be sworn in by the Chief at a later date; recent vehicle accidents; grant status; placed bid on SCBA fill station & compressor.

**Deputy Chief Storrie:** Discussed findings from Pierce pre-con trip; Change orders and specs have not been received from Pierce as of date; Motion Bannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown to approve up to an additional \$25,000 for the funding of the change orders with funding from the apparatus escrow account and to give Chief Mulvey authority to sign change order(s) based on the committees' recommendations. MC unanimously.

**Deputy Chief Evans:** reported on recent trainings; reminder to signup for compliance training; has been named VP of the Training Academy.

**Lt. Col. Hutchens:** Excellent turnout for the family Christmas party; pictures with Santa start tomorrow at Walmart; elected to serve on the Chamber's Board of Directors.

**Major Elstone:** Recent District activity was presented in the Chief's written report.

**Major Neal:** Presented Hiring committees' recommendations. Motion Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shewmaker to approve hiring EMT-A Jarrett Beckett and EMT Jordan Allen to file open full-time positions with a start date of January 3<sup>rd</sup>. MC unanimously

**Committees:** Trustee Bannon presented ideas and pricing on possible reception for the membership.

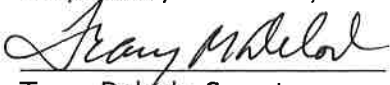
## **New Business**

- Chairman Ott presented update from the steering committee; budget and pay chart should be available to present in January.
- COLA increase for the employees. BLS rate is 7.6% for November 2021. Motion Bannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deloch to approve a 3% COLA increase for the members effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. MC unanimously
- Motion Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deloch to go into executive session at 8:23 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. MC unanimously
- Motion Shewmaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown to reopen meeting at 8:51 p.m. MC unanimously *no action was taken during the closed session*

## **Adjournment**

Motion Bannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shewmaker to adjourn meeting at 8:52 p.m. MC unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

  
Tracy Deloch, Secretary

  
Nancy Daugherty, Recorder