

Minutes of the Fern Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting March 13, 2023, 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 . 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 was provided for those not able to or those choosing not to attend in person:

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A meeting invitation was 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 7:00 p.m.

Members present: H. Ott, T. Deloch, S. Pierce, L. Ash, E Brown, D. Hoskins and C. Bauer

Guest present: Chief Mulvey, Chief Evans, Attorney Leach, Major Burd, Chief Early, Major Neal, N. Daugherty, J. Barker and various members

Motion Bauer, 2nd Hoskins to approve February minutes as presented. MC unanimously

Motion Brown, 2nd Pierce to approve February financial reports as presented. MC unanimously

Announcements & Correspondence

- Current bank statements available for review.
- Denton Group January report & legislative update: *see reports for detail*
- Highview will host an Easter Egg hunt on March 26th from 2-4 please RSVP

Old Business

- Audit engagement letter has been received from Jones Nale & Mattingly. Motion Bauer, 2nd Hoskins to accept the engagement letter from Jones Nale & Mattingly to perform the FYE 06/2023 audit. MC unanimously
- N Daugherty's review has been completed.
- Negotiations with the FC Community Association to purchase the building and land next door to station # 1 have discontinued.
- Revision to section 118 *Out of Town Travel Policy* and section 119 *Work Related Seminar/Class Attendance and Expense Reimbursement Policy*. Motion Hoskins, 2nd Ash to accept the revisions to section 118 and 119 of the employee handbook as presented. MC unanimously

- Tuition Pre-Pay and Reimbursement Obligation Agreement discussed. Suggestions made to revise agreement. Attorney Leach to make revision per recommendations. Motion Ash, 2nd Deloch to accept the tuition pre-pay and reimbursement obligation agreement with the addition of wording to section 4 " in accordance with applicable wage and hour laws". MC unanimously

Chief and Committee Reports

Chief Mulvey: Chief's report included fire and EMS run totals; resignation from Volunteer A. Scherer; awarded AED grant; interviewing for EMT academy, lateral fire/EMS positions, P/T fire inspectors and fleet and facility tech; proposals accepted by Horton Ambulance for the purchase of 2 new ambulances as approved by this Board last month.

Operations: Chief Evans is working with District Chiefs to define roles for 7/1 merger; new CAD system will become operational 3/14; will soon begin sharing suppression staff with HFPD.

Training: working with Highview staff; see report for full details; Chief Evans complimented the staff that worked together during the recent storm.

EMS/Health & Safety: compliance training completed; advanced protocols to begin in March; joint EMT class with Lifesavers to begin in April.

Fleet and Facilities: stat # 1 office construction will be completed soon; Chief Jones has moved to stat # 5; # 7156 exhaust – waiting on parts; new Engine 65 mid-build is complete with final inspection trip scheduled for late March.

Fire Prevention: See report for full details


New Business

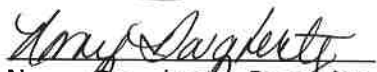
- Trustee position expirations: Motion Bauer, 2nd Hoskins to recommend Henry Ott for reappointment. MC unanimously. A recommendation letter will be sent to the Mayor's office. Nomination forms for the Firefighter Trustee position must be received by noon, May 1st. Information will be sent to the membership regarding the FF position.
- Treasurer Pierce discussed the debt of the District and a debt reduction plan. Pierce recommends paying off the Stock Yards Bank EMS loan and the US Bank loan for # 7155's refurb. Motion Brown, 2nd Ash to pay off Stock Yards Bank EMS loan and also the US Bank Loan for # 7155. Bauer opposed. MC

Adjournment

Motion Hoskins, 2nd Brown to adjourn meeting at 8:20 p.m. MC unanimously

Respectfully submitted,


Larry Ash, Secretary


Nancy Daugherty, Recorder

All related material and correspondence, as specified by KRS 75.240, is available for review, according to the open records law, at the Fern Creek Fire Protection District's office located at 6200 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40291