

Fern Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes June 10, 2024

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 4101 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.

Monthly BOT Meeting Video Teleconference

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

[Click here to join the meeting](#) (Recurring Meeting Link)

Meeting ID: 272 252 133 378

Passcode: 5TsKFn

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A meeting invitation was sent to each individual board member via Microsoft Teams and notice to the public was provided via posting at Station #61, Station #65, and also on our website.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ott at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Henry Ott, Larry Ash, Tracy Deloch, Susan Pierce, and Chuck Bauer. Scott Cundiff had an excused absence and Eric Brown was on duty and responding to a fire run when the meeting began. (BOT Brown joined the meeting by audio after the fire run and did not vote, as noted, for motions made after his joining by audio at 7:28 p.m.).

Guests present: Chief Mulvey, Deputy Chief Evans, Deputy Chief Early, Assistant Chief Dwyer, Assistant Chief Hutchens, Assistant Chief Recktenwald, Major Weiss, James Sebastian, Attorney Leach, Jen Crawford, Dawn Nikolai, and Joyce Shelton. Assistant Chief Carta, Major Burd, Major Elstone, Major Fife, Major Reef, and Station #61 attended virtually.

Motion Ash, 2nd Deloch to approve the May Minutes as presented. MC unanimously.

Motion Bauer, 2nd Pierce to approve the May Financials as presented. MC unanimously.

Announcements & Correspondence

- Current bank statements are available for review.
- Denton Group May report: *See reports for details.*
- Chief Mulvey will be attending the upcoming Southeast Association of Fire Chiefs conference in July, which will be held in Louisville.

Old Business

Update on Phase 1 of the St. #73 expansion (former Highview #73 on Cedar Creek Road). Phase 2 has begun with the preparation of HVAC and electrical bid packages.

James Sebastian reported that 90% of the surplus jaws and fans have been sold and picked up for a total of approximately \$2,200. The remaining items will be donated to departments in need.

Jen Crawford reported that she, along with Board Members Deloch and Pierce, reviewed 2 applications for the Scholarship and recommends that the Scholarship be awarded to McKenzie Brown.

Motion Deloch, 2nd Ash to award the Scholarship to McKenzie Brown. MC unanimously.

James Sebastian reported that the repaired Braun ambulance is expected to be delivered in July, along with the two ambulances that have been on order.

Property Owner Trustee Election will be held June 22, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. #61.

Notice was received for the appointment by Mayor Greenberg of Robert Thompson to the FC Board of Trustees effective July 1, 2024. (The appointment will be up for approval by the Government Oversight and Audit Committee on June 11 and then proceed to Metro Council).

Motion Pierce, 2nd Ash that the 2024-25 pay increases will take effect on July 7, 2024. MC unanimously.

The performance schedule for the Chief and Deputy Chiefs will be reviewed in December.

Motion Bauer, 2nd Deloch to add the Chief and Deputy Chiefs back to payscale for cost of living and longevity increases. MC unanimously.

Motion Ash, 2nd Pierce to retroactively give the Chief and Deputy Chiefs the 5% increase that was given to all employees, except for them, in July 2023 and the 3% COLA that was given to all employees, except for them, in January 2024. MC unanimously.

Chief and Committee Reports

Chief Mulvey: Chief's Report – *See full report for details.* The following items are noted:

- A new chart, 'Unit Hourly Utilization' has been included in the Chief's Report and was explained.

- Chief Mulvey recognized BOT Bauer for his many years of service to the department and noted that he received the 2024 Crusade for Children 'Buddy Award' for his many years of dedicated service to the WHAS Crusade for Children.

Chief Officers:

Assistant Chiefs and Majors in attendance: No report.

Attorney Leach pointed out Page 3 of Chief's Report (Administrative/Health & Safety/Accidents) regarding notice of lawsuit filed against the FC Holding Company for incident in October 2023 and reported that he has been in touch with the department's liability adjuster.

Deputy Chief Evans noted the following:

- There are three lateral Firefighter positions being filled with start date of July 8, 2024. Conditional Offer letters have been accepted by Dwayne Carter, Dusten Howton, and John Phipps.
- Attorney Leach is handling all correspondence with Fern Creek resident who has lawsuit against his homeowner insurance. (FCFPD is not named in the suit).

Deputy Chief Early: No Report.

Committees: No report.

New Business

Motion Bauer, 2nd Ash to approve an eighteen (18) cent per \$100 tax rate for all taxes, including but not limited to real, personal, tangible, motor vehicle, watercraft, inventory, and aircraft. MC unanimously.

At 7:28 p.m. BOT Brown joined the meeting by audio and it was stated that he will not be eligible to vote on any motions due to the unavailability of video for him.

Deputy Chief Evans presented the 10-Year Fire Apparatus and Ambulance Replacement Plans.

Motion Ash, 2nd Bauer to purchase one refurbished ambulance (18-month to two-year turn-around time), one new ambulance (four-year turn-around time), and one engine for St. #73 (four-year turn-around time) to be purchased through either HGAC or Sourcewell with no bid needed. MC unanimously. (It is noted that BOT Brown was not eligible and therefore did not vote).

Motion Ash, 2nd Pierce to approve the 2023-24 Budget Revisions. MC unanimously. (It is noted that BOT Brown was not eligible and therefore did not vote).

Chairman Ott requested that Ms. Crawford and BOT Deloch meet to develop a plan for recruitment and retention as discussed and present their plan at the July meeting.

Discussion held regarding paperwork and procedures for the upcoming election.

Motion Ash, 2nd Deloch to approve Chuck Bauer as a Lifetime Member of Fern Creek Fire Protection District. MC unanimously. (It is noted that BOT Brown was not eligible and therefore did not vote).

Adjournment

Motion Bauer, 2nd Pierce to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. MC unanimously. (It is noted that BOT Brown was not eligible and therefore did not vote).



Larry Ash, Secretary



Joyce Shelton, Recording Secretary

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.