

**Minutes of the Fern Creek Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees
March 11, 2024, 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 Microsoft Teams link has been provided for those not able to or those choosing not to attend in person:

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:

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Meeting ID: 272 252 133 378

Passcode: 5TsKFn

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A meeting invitation has been sent to each individual board member via Microsoft Teams and notice to the public was provided via posting at Station # 1 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, Chuck Bauer, Eric Brown, and Scott Cundiff.

Guests present: Chief Mulvey, Deputy Chief Evans, Deputy Chief Early, Assistant Chief Carta, Assistant Chief Hutchens, Assistant Chief Recktenwald, Major Fife, Captain Kurtz, Sgt. Price, James Sebastian, Attorney Leach, Jen Crawford, Nancy Daugherty, and Joyce Shelton. Major Reef, Major Weiss, Sgt. Oates, and Station #64 attended virtually.

Motion Brown, 2nd Deloch to approve the February Minutes as presented. MC unanimously.

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

Announcements & Correspondence

- The current bank statements are available for review.
- Denton Group February report: *See reports for details.*

Old Business

- James Sebastian gave a report on the roof replacement on St. #2 (Old Bardstown near Thixton Lane). The project will be completed in three days.
- The RFP for St. #73 (former Highview St. #3 on Cedar Creek Road) was awarded to Miranda Construction.
- James Sebastian gave a report on the items that were surplus in the February BOT meeting.
 - Boat Trailer – Donated
 - 12-6887 – Sold for \$7,051.00
 - 12-6888 – Sold for \$6,800.00
 - 12-5416 – Agreed value of \$5,000 and no bids were received that met the qualifications.
- Discussion held regarding a proposal from RedSTAR/ Red River Gorge Special Treatment, Access, Rescue for 12-5416.
- Motion Bauer, 2nd Ash to trade/exchange services with RedStar with the exchange of 12-5416 for providing Wilderness Course and High Angle Training from RedSTAR. (Note - The trainings are valued at \$6,500-\$7,500 for 10 students but the training will include additional students). MC unanimously.
- James Sebastian gave an update on the Braun ambulance.
- Board of Trustees Member Chuck Bauer, an elected Property Owner Trustee, announced his decision to not seek re-election for his term expiring June 30, 2024.
- Chief Mulvey and Members of the Board expressed their gratitude and appreciation of Trustee Bauer's dedicated service to the department and to the community for over 40 years.
- Treasurer Pierce, an Appointed Trustee, has met term limits for appointed positions on the Board as per Louisville Metro Mayor's Office and will seek election as a Property Owner Trustee.
- Discussion held regarding the Appointed Trustee position that expires June 30, 2024.
- Motion Pierce, 2nd Bauer to submit a letter to the Mayor's Office to recommend Robert Thompson to be appointed to the Board for the July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027 term. MC unanimously.
- The Property Owner Nomination Form is available and must be received by Noon on May 13, 2024.

Chief and Committee Reports

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

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- The Awards Dinner was a success and the efforts of Administrative Assistants Jessica Barker and Lindsey Lanham, along with others, for the planning and preparation of the Awards Dinner were noted and appreciated.
- An offer was made and accepted by Dawn Nikolai with the start date of March 25, 2024 as Finance Administrator.
- The JCFA met with the Metro County Public Safety Committee regarding history of Chapter 75 Districts and to introduce the Suburban Fire Chiefs. Chief Mulvey presented a PowerPoint which included statistics of volume of runs made and FCFPD had the highest run volume in 2023 with over 31,000 runs made. Chief Mulvey commended the FCFPD for their response to these runs, which couldn't happen without them.

Chief Officers: Deputy Chief Evans reported that three paramedics will be interviewed to fill open positions and provided an update on the Brown Suburban Building.

Deputy Chief Early, Assistant Chiefs Carta, Hutchens, and Recktenwald, and Majors Fife and Weiss had nothing to report.

New Business

SOP 200.6 'Progressive Discipline' and 'Discipline Best Practices' had been distributed and was discussed in order to provide the BOT with information and to make them aware of the update.

Motion Bauer, 2nd Pierce to move forward with Phase 1 of the #73 Project including the approval to spend up to \$80,000 from the Reserve Account in the current year budget. MC unanimously.

Motion Ash, 2nd Cundiff to surplus jaws and fans, and to give James Sebastian the authority to dispose of by sealed bids, yard sale, and/or donating to department in need as he deems appropriate. MC unanimously.

Discussion held regarding Kentucky Fire Commission Incentive Program and KRS 95A.250. It was stated that beginning July 2024, the Enhanced Overtime Rate will not be utilized for Scheduled OT.

Attorney Leach provided information regarding a taxing issue/appeal by Norfolk Southern Railway to the Kentucky Board of Tax Claims and Appeals for what they believe to be an overstatement of property value. The Railway runs through Legacy Camp Taylor District.

Attorney Leach informed the Board of Trustees that he was asked to provide legal services to Fairdale Fire Protection District to obtain a Certificate of Need for Ambulance service. Attorney Leach declined due to conflicts of interest and referred Fairdale to another Attorney to assist them.

Chief Mulvey informed the Board of Trustees about the potential changes in OSHA Standards that would affect fire departments with the proposed 'Fire Brigade Standards.'

Chairman Ott requested that Board Members provide him with input regarding setting standards for salaries for Chief Mulvey, Deputy Chief Evans, and Deputy Chief Early.

Adjournment

Motion Brown, 2nd Bauer to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. MC unanimously.



Larry Ash, Secretary



Joyce Shelton, 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.