

**Minutes of the Fern Creek Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees
April 8, 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:

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

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 #61 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, and Eric Brown. Scott Cundiff had an excused absence.

Guests present: Chief Mulvey, Deputy Chief Evans, Assistant Chief Hutchens, Assistant Chief Recktenwald, Major Ingersoll, Major Schmidt, Captain Kurtz, Sgt. Price, James Sebastian, Attorney Leach, Nancy Daugherty, Dawn Nikolai, and Joyce Shelton.

Motion Bauer, 2nd Deloch to approve the March Minutes as presented. MC unanimously.

Motion Brown, 2nd Pierce to approve the March Financials as presented. MC unanimously.

Announcements & Correspondence

- The current bank statements are available for review.
- Denton Group March report: *See reports for details.*
- The Minutes of December 2023 and January 2024 were received, stamped, and filed.

Old Business

- James Sebastian gave a report on the roof replacement on St. #2 (Old Bardstown near Thixton Lane). It has now been completed.
- James Sebastian gave an update on the Braun ambulance. It will be ready for inspection in July, 2024.
- The letter to the Mayor's Office to recommend Robert Thompson to be appointed to the Board was sent to Ms. Jackson.
- The Property Owner Nomination Form is available and must be received by Noon on May 13, 2024.
- James Sebastian gave an update on Phase 1 of St. #73 (former Highview St. #3 on Cedar Creek Road). The geological survey took place today.
- James Sebastian gave a report on the items that were surplus in the March BOT meeting. They have been centrally located and in process of being inventoried.
 - Jaws
 - Fans

Chief and Committee Reports

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

- The Chief's Retreat was a success with hopes to continue with day retreats in the next six months.
- A Draft Budget has been sent to BOT. Currently waiting on PVA Assessments to be released on Wednesday to move forward with Budget planning and finalization before submitting to the BOT.
- The amount of \$2,587.52 has been included in the budget for every employee, as well as an increase for EMT-A from \$2,000 to \$4,000 and for EMT-Paramedics from \$4,000 to \$8,000, and six new positions for future staffing needs.
- Infrastructure needs have been assessed and there will be upcoming requests for generators for Stations which will likely be Capital Expense, not from Reserve Accounts.
- An Information sheet has been prepared, will be kept up-to-date, and will be made available on the website, OneDrive, etc. This is a one-page breakdown of costs for different types of apparatus, ambulance, and turnout gear.
- OSHA has extended its public comment portal for 90 days.

Chief Officers: Deputy Chief Evans reported the following:

- Firefighter Austin Hall has resigned from his position to pursue a position at Louisville Fire & Rescue.
- Paramedics Haleigh Cooper and Madeline Kincaid were sworn in as Paramedics and began April 4, 2024.
- The issues with the Brown Suburban Building are ongoing.
- Mutual and Automatic Aid went live today with Mt. Washington Fire and EMS.
- Dep. Chief Evans, Assistant Chief Recktenwald, and James Sebastian have met to begin work on an Apparatus Replacement Plan.

Assistant Chiefs Hutchens and Recktenwald, and Majors Ingersoll and Schmidt had nothing to report.

New Business

Motion Pierce, 2nd Bauer to approve a Truist credit card for Dawn Nikolai, authorize her to be the Online Account Administrator, and authorize her to make changes and inquiries over the phone. MC unanimously.

Finance Administrator Dawn Nikolai was introduced to the BOT and to others attending the meeting.

Discussion held regarding the Scholarship Program. Chief Mulvey has formed a Scholarship Committee (a Chief's Committee) to receive and review applications. Those on the Scholarship Committee are Jen Crawford, Tracy Deloch, and Susan Pierce.

Discussion held regarding the Metro Government Boards & Commissions Ethics Training required by the Mayor's Office. Links will be requested for Dep. Chief Evans (request for credit) and Dawn Nikolai.

A reminder was given for the 'Night At The Races' fundraising event for the Crusade for Children on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

A reminder was given for the 'Motorcycle Rally' fundraising event for the Crusade for Children on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

Susan Pierce gave a report on the restructuring/transfer of the name of the Legacy Highview Republic Bank Loan. The name on the loan will be changed to 'Fern Creek Fire Protection District' and the rate will remain the same.

Adjournment

Motion Brown, 2nd Bauer to adjourn at 7:45 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.