

Fern Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes January 13, 2025

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 4:01 p.m.

Board Members present: Henry Ott, Larry Ash, Kenny Craigmyle, Robert Thompson, Eric Brown (who was present prior to meeting, left for a fire run, and returned at 4:09), and Tracy Deloch (who attended virtually and was seen and heard at all times as required).

Guests present: Chief Mulvey, Deputy Chief Evans, Deputy Chief Early, Assistant Chief Carta, Assistant Chief Dwyer, Assistant Chief Recktenwald, Assistant Chief Hutchens, Major Elstone, Major Fife, Major Ryan, Captain Humphreys, Captain Shewmaker, Captain Vinton, Attorney Leach, James Sebastian, Chaplain Teske, Sergeant Amshoff, FF/Paramedic Goff, FF Dewayne Carter, Jen Crawford, Dawn Nikolai, and Joyce Shelton. Major Burd, Paramedic Christensen, Captain Hill, and Captain Hoskins attended virtually.

Motion Ash, 2nd Craigmyle to approve the December Minutes as presented. MC unanimously.

The December Financials were distributed prior to the meeting and reviewed.

Motion Thompson, 2nd Craigmyle to approve the December Financials. MC unanimously.

Announcements & Correspondence

- Current bank statements are available for review.
- Denton Group December report: *See reports for details.*

Old Business

Update on the St. #73 expansion (former Highview #73 on Cedar Creek Road).

Motion Craigmyle, 2nd Thompson to surplus the wrecked Braun chassis and put out for bid with \$5,000 minimum after Insurance Attorney and Attorney Leach have confirmed it has been released. MC unanimously.

Performance Evaluation is still pending and requested to remain on the monthly agendas.

Chief and Committee Reports

Chief Mulvey:

Chief's Report – *See full report for details.* Items noted: Deputy Chief Early has successfully completed and received the designation of 'Chief Fire Officer' from the Center for Public Safety Excellence; and Chief Mulvey and Deputy Chief Evans will be attending a conference in Washington D.C. and meeting with Representatives.

Chief Officers:

Deputy Chief Evans – Note: Commendation for Sgt. Oates, and Jessica Barker for their great work on 'Santa in the District'; the Executive Staff has met for transition planning and the transition plan will be presented to BOT in February; and EMT Recruit Graduation will be on February 3, 2025; and the Awards Banquet will be on March 7, 2025.

Deputy Chief Early – Deputy Chief Early reported that Ready Rebound will go into effect on January 27, 2025, and that there will be Training opportunities for the program in days to come.

Attorney Leach stated that the law for Metro reimbursement for ambulance runs went into effect January 1, 2025.

Assistant Chief Dwyer reported that Major Burd has moved temporarily from 24/48 hour schedule to 40 hour per week schedule in preparation for the upcoming Fire Recruit Training. Fire Inspector Snyder has also moved temporarily to 40 hours per week for the Fire Recruit Training and discussions and planning is ongoing with Fire Marshal Elstone for additional Fire Inspector(s) during the training.

All other Assistant Chiefs and Majors in attendance: No Report.

New Business

Motion Craigmyle, 2nd Ash to update 'Serving Since' to 1939 to correctly reflect the established dates of all merged departments (Highview 1939, Buechel 1942, Camp Taylor 1943, and Fern Creek 1945). MC unanimously.

Motion Craigmyle, 2nd Brown, to approve the Red Book with changes as discussed (grammatical changes) and to remove language (last sentence) in the Social Media Policy from both the Red Book and from the Employee Handbook. MC unanimously.

Motion Ash, 2nd Thompson to approve the Stryker ProCare Proposal. (Attorney Leach has reviewed the contract). MC unanimously.

Discussion regarding donated gift cards made to department. The gift cards donated in December to an ambulance crew will be given to the crew members.

Motion Brown, 2nd Craigmyle to approve the five-year lease contract from Miller Duplicating. MC unanimously.

Motion Craigmyle, 2nd Brown to approve retiring Assistant Chief Jack Stauble as a Lifetime Member. MC unanimously.

It is noted that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 18, 2024 will be distributed and presented for approval at the February 10, 2025 BOT Meeting.

Mission, Vision, and Values Presentation by Chief Mulvey, Deputy Chiefs Evans and Early, and Assistant Chiefs Carta, Dwyer, and Recktenwald.

Recognition was made to Captain Hill and his team who did an outstanding job on the production of the Mission, Vision, and Values video.

Adjournment

Motion Ash, 2nd Brown to adjourn at 5:32 p.m. MC unanimously.



Larry Ash, Secretary



Joyce Shelton, Recording Secretary