

**Fern Creek Fire Protection District  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 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](http://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

[Download Teams](#)

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 4:02 p.m.

Board Members present: Henry Ott, Larry Ash, Eric Brown, Scott Cundiff, and Tracy Deloch. Kenny Craigmyle and Robert Thompson had excused absences.

Guests present: Chief Mulvey, Deputy Chief Evans, Assistant Chief Carta, Assistant Chief Dwyer, Assistant Chief Recktenwald, Assistant Chief Hutchens, Major Fife, Major Reef, Major Weiss, Attorney Leach, James Sebastian, Dawn Nikolai, and Joyce Shelton. Deputy Chief Early had an excused absence.

Guests who attended virtually included Major Beckett, Major Ingersoll, Captain Hill, and additional crew members.

Motion Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cundiff to approve the February Minutes as presented. MC unanimously.

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

Motion Ash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown to approve the February Financials. MC unanimously.

### **Announcements & Correspondence**

- Current bank statements are available for review.
- Denton Group February report: *See reports for details.* Items to Note: Chief Mulvey and Deputy Chief Evans were in Frankfort earlier in the day and reported that HB 152 passed 94/0 and is expected to progress favorably through the Senate floor; there are proposed changes in healthcare benefits for KPPA retirees who are in Tier 1B through the current Cash Balance tier, which would increase their healthcare benefits; and the bill that would eliminate ad valorem taxes (motor vehicle, boat, airplane, etc.) is likely to die.
- The annual Awards Banquet was held on March 7, 2025 and Chairman Ott recognized Administrative Assistants Barker and Lanham, and the Command Staff, for their efforts in making the Banquet a success.

### **Old Business**

Update on the St. #73 expansion (former Highview #73 on Cedar Creek Road): Steel is going up on April 10; and though there were 11 inclement weather days, the project is running close to on-schedule.

Performance Evaluation is still pending and requested to remain on the monthly agenda and noted in the minutes.

It was stated that the Stock Yards Bank account has been closed.

The Recommendation Letter to the Mayor's Office recommending that Tracy Deloch be re-appointed to the Board of Trustees for the July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 term was sent on February 11, 2025. Confirmation of receipt of the letter was received from Ms. Jackson.

The bids/offers for surplus GlideScopes on GovDeals did not meet the minimum.

Motion Cundiff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown to donate a total of seven of the surplus GlideScopes (increased from two from motion in February Meeting) to KCTCS and one to Clark County. MC unanimously.

It was stated for the record that Joyce Shelton is the Board of Trustee Designee.

Information was presented regarding the process and selection for changing payroll companies.

Motion Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cundiff to change from Paycor to Paycom for payroll services, to approve payment of \$5,000 to Paycom for the implementation fee, and to sign the one-year contract. MC unanimously.

## **Chief and Committee Reports**

### Chief Officers:

Chief Mulvey – Items noted: Update on KRS 67C.147 (City of Louisville Medical Runs) was given and reported that the first invoice, for January runs into Louisville Metro, was sent on February 28; Chief Mulvey and Dep. Chief Evans recently returned from Washington D.C. and were able to meet with all State Representatives that they requested; Work is continuing on the Five-Year Strategic Plan; On March 16, current Assistant Chiefs Carta, Dwyer, and Recktenwald will begin their 40 hour work schedule and their new roles; and there will be promotion selections in April/May for promotion date effective August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Deputy Chief Evans – Items noted: Engine 165 is still at Clark Diesel and our insurance broker, Sterling Thompson suggests that our insurance company, VFIS, proceed with the claim in order to avoid more delays and VFIS will subrogate the claim with Clark Diesel's insurance company; and there was an ambulance accident on Dixie with the other driver at fault and was reported to our insurance company.

Motion Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ash to authorize VFIS to proceed with the claim for Engine 165. MC unanimously.

Deputy Chief Early – Items noted: Excused absence - No Report.

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

## **New Business**

Discussion held and information provided by Attorney Leach, regarding deeds which have various combinations of names for Legacy Buechel, Camp Taylor, Highview, and for Fern Creek, which need to have title searches ran and transfer of names to one consistent name.

Motion Ash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deloch to engage law firm Vice Cox & Townsend, PLLC and authorize them to run title searches for all merged districts, for approximately \$4,600. MC unanimously.

It is noted that Attorney Leach is not performing the title searches.

Chairman Ott asked questions regarding the topic of shift schedules and information was provided by the Command Staff about internal studies that are being conducted and options are being explored.

**Adjournment**

Motion Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ash to adjourn at 4:56 p.m. MC unanimously.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Ash". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "L".

Larry Ash, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce Shelton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Joyce Shelton, Recording Secretary