

Fern Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes June 9, 2025

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Monthly BOT Meeting Video Teleconference

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Meeting ID: 272 252 133 378

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The meeting was called to order by Secretary Ash at 4:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Larry Ash, Eric Brown, Kenny Craigmyle, Scott Cundiff, Tracy Deloch, and Robert Thompson. Chairman Ott had an excused absence and Secretary Ash presided over the meeting.

Guests present: Deputy Chief Early, Deputy Chief Evans, Assistant Chief Recktenwald, Assistant Chief Dwyer, Assistant Chief Carta, Assistant Chief Fife, Major Preston, Major Ryan, Captain Vinton, Attorney Leach, James Sebastian and Dawn Nikolai. Chief Mulvey and Joyce Shelton had excused absences. (Minutes were recorded by Dawn Nikolai).

Guests who virtually attended included Assistant Chief Burd, Major Ingersol, Captain Mellick, Captain Bennett, unknown guest Brad J, and Jennifer Crawford.

Motion Brown, 2nd Deloch to approve the May Minutes as presented. MC unanimously. The May Financials were distributed prior to the meeting and reviewed.

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

Announcements & Correspondence

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

Items Noted:

Old Business

Update on the St. #73 expansion (former Highview #73 on Cedar Creek Road): Contactor estimated date of completion August 1, 2025. Brick being delivered this week for exterior, the interior is being framed.

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

Firefighter Election – Absentee Voting will be on Monday June 23, and Tuesday, June 24, 7:30 to 12:00 with the regular voting day on Saturday June 28, 11:00 to 2:00. Due to scheduling conflicts with the board members, the board has appointed Deputy Chief Evans and Assistant Chief Recktenwald, or their designee's to be present during the June 28th election.

Scholarship Application – One application was received and met all requirements for award. Motion Brown. 2nd Deloch to approve the award to the recipient. MC unanimously. Update was given on land by St. #66: Survey of land has been completed. Met with owner, Patrick Flynn and requested donation, awaiting response.

Update was given on mini pumper purchase. The request for sale of the equipment is being made at the Oldham Fire June BOT meeting for approval.

Update on surplus items from May meeting. All items have been sold and transfer will be complete by June 13, 2025. (Car hauler \$1,225.37, lawn trailer \$701, and two Ford Expeditions - 2009 \$2,000, 2012 \$3,051.47)

Update from Attorney Leach regarding deeds. Working with Vice, Cox and Townsend, more information at July meeting.

Update/further discussion regarding gift cards. Chairman Ott working on process, more information at July meeting.

Update regarding the Fern Creek Foundation. The Foundation will be a separate entity and will not be governed by the BOT. Topic to be removed from BOT agenda.

Chief and Committee Reports

Deputy Chief Evans: Expressed gratitude to all participants for the successful Crusade; Gave congratulatory remarks for all member promotions reflected in Chief's Report: Reminder of Chief Mulvey retirement celebration at station 61 July 25 at 12:30; Invited to the KY Republican Caucus to discuss the current tax cap of .10 per \$100 of value; and Metro Louisville met with Chief Mulvey and has agreed to begin paying for runs inside their district beginning in July 2025, an MOU is forthcoming. Metro has not paid the invoices for the runs and transport for January to present, but FCFEMS is tracking the runs and billing monthly.

Chief Officers: Nothing to report.

Committees:

By-Law Committee – Notice in May for a change needed to remove all terminology of 'chrome badge holder' in the By-Laws and to change the amount in section #7 of Page 16 to be in line with SOP 800.01 Purchasing. The updates sections were distributed to all BOT prior to the meeting and available for review.

Motion Deloch, 2nd Brown to approve the two updates to the By-Laws as distributed and discussed. MC unanimously.

Election Committee – The Election is set for June 23rd and 24th for absentee voting and for Saturday June 28th. Notices were mailed on Tuesday May 13th to all members as required. Deputy Chief Evans and Assistant Chief Recktenwald have been appointed by the BOT to hold the election on June 28th.

It is also noted that Appointed BOT Tracy Deloch has been re-nominated by the Mayor's Office. The nomination has been presented to the subcommittee, once approved the nomination will then be presented to the Metro Council for approval.

New Business

Motion Craigmyle, 2nd Brown to approve FY 2024/25 Budget Revisions. MC unanimously.

Motion Craigmyle, 2nd Thompson to approve \$0.18 (18 cents) per \$100.00 tax rate for all taxes, including but not limited to real, personal, tangible, motor vehicle, watercraft, inventory, and aircraft for FY 2025/26. MC unanimously.

Motion Craigmyle, 2nd Brown to approve one remount from Horton Ambulance for an estimated price of 190k paid from Ambulance Reserves with an estimated delivery of August 2026. MC unanimously.

Motion Craigmyle, 2nd Thompson to approve the purchase of one new Horton ambulance at an estimated price of 385k from Ambulance Reserves with an estimated delivery of June 2027. MC unanimously.

Motion Brown, 2nd Deloch to approve the purchase of one new Pierce engine from GSA Sourcewell. Noted we have received approximately 850k in insurance claims to offset the cost of an estimated 1.2M from Apparatus Reserves. Estimated delivery of 2028 – 2029. MC unanimously.

Motion Brown, 2nd Craigmyle to order 1 Pierce Quint through GSA Sourcewell for an estimated cost of 2.2M from Apparatus Reserves for an estimated delivery of 2029 – 2030. MC unanimously.

Motion Thompson, 2nd Brown approval of Ambulance fee schedule. MC unanimously.

Motion Cundiff, 2nd Brown to approve addition to Employee Handbook #210 Unscheduled Work Schedules to add process for Voluntary Deployment requirements. MC unanimously.

Motion Brown, 2nd Cundiff to approve change to Employee Handbook #302 Sick Leave regarding payout for sick time. MC unanimously.

At 4:55, it was stated that an Executive Session was needed to discuss legal issues.

Motion Brown, 2nd Cundiff to go into Executive Session to discuss legal issues. MC unanimously.

At 5:15 the Open Meeting resumed and it was stated that no action was taken.

Adjournment

Motion Brown, 2nd Cundiff to adjourn at 5:17 p.m. MC unanimously.

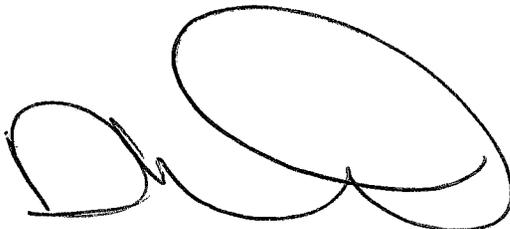
Minutes were recorded and prepared by Dawn Nikolai, and reviewed and finalized by Joyce Shelton.



Larry Ash, Secretary



Joyce Shelton, Recording Secretary



Dawn Nikolai, Finance Administrator