

# **Fern Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes August 12, 2024**

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

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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 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Henry Ott, Larry Ash, Kenny Craigmyle, Robert Thompson, and Eric Brown. Tracy Deloch had an excused absence and Scott Cundiff attended by audio only, joining the meeting at 7:23, and did not vote on any motions.

Guests present: Deputy Chief Evans, Deputy Chief Early, Assistant Chief Hutchens, Assistant Chief Recktenwald, Major Weiss, James Sebastian, Attorney Leach, Dawn Nikolai, and Joyce Shelton. St. #61 and St. #65, Major Burd, Major Fife, Captain Mellick, and Jen Crawford attended virtually. Chief Mulvey was attending the AIFC Fire Rescue International Conference in Dallas, TX.

Motion Ash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thompson to approve the July Minutes as presented. MC unanimously.

The July Provisional Financials were distributed prior to the meeting, reviewed, and will be approved after the audit.

## **Announcements & Correspondence**

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

## **Old Business**

Update on Phase 2 of the St. #73 expansion (former Highview #73 on Cedar Creek Road).

- Six bid packets were picked up and two were returned: Miranda and GMS
- The two bids received have not been opened
- Revisions were made to the bid packet and the deadline extended to August 16
- BOT Craigmyle has been added to the group (Chief Mulvey, Dep. Chief Evans, James Sebastian)

BOT Ash motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thompson to give authority to the group to open the bids and select a vendor up to cost of \$1.5M. MC unanimously.

Discussion held regarding loan options for financing the St. #73 expansion project.

Motion BOT Ash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thompson to use Forcht Bank for financing the St. #73 expansion project subject to clearing up questions regarding the deposit relationship with Republic Bank. MC unanimously.

James Sebastian reported that the repaired Braun ambulance is expected to be in service within a month.

Performance Schedule – Lou. Metro has informed Dep. Chief Early that it will be September before they can start the implementation process for 1<sup>st</sup> Pass/First Watch.

Dep. Chief Evans gave an update from the Benefits Group and plan to have a presentation for the BOT in November.

Motion Ash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown to move the time of the Monthly BOT meetings from 7:00pm to 4:00pm effective September 9, 2024. MC unanimously.

Attorney Leach gave an update of the legal matter involving the Holding Company.

## **Chief and Committee Reports**

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

- Abbie Gilbert is a new partner at The Denton Group.

Chief Officers:

Deputy Chief Early: No Report.

Assistant Chiefs and Majors in attendance: No report.

By-Law Group – BOT Ash reported that the current By-Laws have been reviewed by the Group and it was determined that no revision(s) need to be made.

**New Business**

The contract for Denton Group for June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025 and cost share invoice has not been received as of Monday, August 12. A 'minimal increase' is expected. (2023-24 cost share was \$3,050.83).

Motion Craigmyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown to surplus the following vehicles and to put them out for bid, each with a \$1,500 minimum:

- o 2008 Ford Focus- 1FAHP35N08W1163116
- o 2008 Ford Focus- 1FAHP35N08W1163117

MC unanimously.

Chairman Ott gave background on information gathered regarding gift cards. The topic will be re-visited in upcoming BOT meetings.

**Adjournment**

Motion Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Craigmyle to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. MC unanimously.



Larry Ash, Secretary



Joyce Shelton, Recording Secretary