

Fern Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes September 9, 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. 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 4:00 p.m.

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

Guests present: Assistant Chief Dwyer, Assistant Chief Hutchens, Assistant Chief Recktenwald, Major Burd, Major Fife, Major Ryan, Attorney Leach, Cpt. Stoltz Cpt. Vinton, Sgt. Voccio, FF Carter, FF Cornell, FF Dossey, FF/Paramedic Goff, FF Hall, FF Jean, FF Kelner, Dawn Nikolai, and Joyce Shelton. Major Weiss and James Sebastian attended virtually. Chief Mulvey and Deputy Chief Evans were en route to EMS World in Las Vegas and Deputy Chief Early had an excused absence.

Motion Craigmyle, 2nd Brown to approve the August Minutes as presented. MC unanimously.

The August 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 August report: *See reports for details.*
- A moment of silence was held in memory of Lifetime Member Steve Renn. Assistant Chief Hutchens shared that FF Renn was a member of Fern Creek Fire for over 40 years, the father of Captain Renn, and his service and dedication to the department and the community was invaluable.
- Ms. Nikolai stated that a draft of the 2023-24 Audit will be available on September 15 at which time she and Treasurer Thompson will review. The Audit is still set to be presented in the October meeting.
- The 13th Annual Frogtown Hop will be on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at St. #71 (Fegenbush Lane).
- The Annual Family Picnic will be on Sunday, September 15, 2024 at the Training Academy.

Old Business

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

BOT Craigmyle reported that the two bid packages that were received were opened and reviewed by the group.

Motion Craigmyle, 2nd Thompson to accept the Miranda bid for \$1,443,940.00 with the sales tax removed and to allow for value engineering. (Expected timeline of January 2025 completion date). MC unanimously.

Ms. Nikolai reported that the loan application process has begun with Forcht Bank and discussion held regarding the interest rate. The interest rate will be locked in with permanent financing.

The Braun ambulance (Hurstbourne incident) was delivered on September 6, 2024 and is currently at Hansen's Body & Paint.

The Braun ambulance (rear-ended incident) has been sent to Braun.

Performance Schedule - Major Fife reported that Louisville Metro is still preparing for the build out of the First Pass/First Watch program with expected date of completion within three to six months of the start of build out.

Assistant Chief Dwyer gave an update from the Benefits Group and is still on target to have a presentation for the BOT in November. Chief Mulvey attended Meeting #4 on August 30, 2024 and items that have been discussed in the Benefits Group were presented to him for information purposes, direction, and input.

The surplused vehicles were sold with the amount of sale below:

- o 2008 Ford Focus- 1FAHP35N08W1163116 – Sold for \$2,300.00.
- o 2008 Ford Focus- 1FAHP35N08W1163117 – Sold for \$4,000.00.

Chief and Committee Reports

Chief Mulvey:

Chief's Report – Presented by Assistant Chief Dwyer – *See full report for details.*

Chief Officers:

Deputy Chief Early: No Report.

Assistant Chiefs and Majors in attendance: No Report.

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, September 9. A 'minimal increase' is expected. (2023-24 cost share was \$3,050.83).

Chairman Ott reported on the information and legal advice gathered regarding gift cards. Discussion held and based on the information and advice gathered, Chairman Ott proposed the following process for the 2024 Christmas Gift: Volunteers and Lifetime Members will receive gift cards; and the Employee's Gift will be processed through payroll (separate payrun) with the applicable taxes and CERS contributions withheld and paid by Employee and Employer, as is with other payrolls. General consensus was stated in agreement for the proposed process.

Adjournment

Motion Brown, 2nd Craigmyle to adjourn at 4:34 p.m. MC unanimously.



Larry Ash, Secretary



Joyce Shelton, Recording Secretary