

Fern Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes October 14, 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: Chief Mulvey, Deputy Chief Evans, Assistant Chief Dwyer, Assistant Chief Hutchens, Major Fife, Major Ryan, Attorney Leach, James Sebastian, Dawn Nikolai, and Joyce Shelton. Additional members were present from P-2 duty crews. Deputy Chief Early and Assistant Chief Recktenwald had excused absences. Auditor Travis Frick arrived after the meeting.

Motion Ash, 2nd Thompson to approve the September Minutes as presented. MC unanimously.

The September Provisional Financials were distributed prior to the meeting, reviewed, and will be approved after the audit. June through October Financials will be approved at the November BOT meeting.

Announcements & Correspondence

- Current bank statements are available for review.
- Denton Group September report: *See reports for details.*
 - Note: There are regulation changes expected that will eliminate 'pension spinking' for bona fide raise increases (not only in promotions)

Old Business

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

- Groundbreaking Ceremony on Wednesday, October 15, 2024
- Expected cost of project after value engineering and the removal of tax is \$1,430,529.00
- Expected completion date is July 2025 (longer than original estimate of January 2025 due to availability of structural steel)
- Financing update was given for the project

The contract for Denton Group for June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025 and cost share invoice was received and paid in the amount of \$2,957.50. (The 2023-24 cost share was \$3,050.83).

Performance Evaluation is still pending the rollout of the updated program by Metrosafe.

Deputy Chief Evans gave an update from the Benefits Group. The Group will be presenting their proposal to Chief Mulvey on October 24, 2024. After his review, a digital presentation will be sent to the BOT in advance of the full presentation to the Board at the November 11th BOT Meeting.

James Sebastian gave an update on the status of ambulances.

Chief and Committee Reports

Chief Mulvey:

Chief's Report – *See full report for details.* The following items are noted: The AWOL/Tardy policy is undergoing some language changes but not ready for presentation; The Crusade for Children is presenting the Walton Trophy to FCFEMS on October 16th; The Mission, Vision, Values Statement is being updated; and the deployed Water Rescue Team is returning from Florida on October 15th.

Chief Officers:

Deputy Chief Evans: Deputy Chiefs Evans and Early are representatives of FCFEMS for a group to examine and problem solve issues with LMEMS and an update was given and discussion regarding the January 2025 implementation of billing for runs made for LMEMS.

Assistant Chief Dwyer reported that the 2024 Annual Car Show was a success and raised approximately \$2,500 for the Crusade for Children. Total income and expenses are being finalized.

Assistant Chiefs and Majors in attendance: No Report.

James Sebastian reported that painting will begin at St. #62 this week.

By-Laws Committee: Changes were proposed by Nancy Daugherty prior to her retirement and were sent out to the Board Members prior to the meeting. Due to changes requiring a 30-day notice, the changes will be discussed and approved at the November BOT meeting.

New Business

Travis Frick from Jones, Nale, and Mattingly presented the 2023-24 Audit and left the meeting.

Motion Thompson, 2nd Craigmyle to approve the 2023-24 Audit Report as presented. MC unanimously.

Motion Ash, 2nd Brown to surplus #80-9638, a 1980 apparatus, and to put it out for bid with minimum bid of \$5,000.00. MC unanimously.

Motion Ash, 2nd Craigmyle to approve the Borrower's Resolution presented by Dawn Nikolai, which had been approved by Attorney Leach and Forcht Bank. MC unanimously.

Motion Ash, 2nd Deloch to approve Nancy Daugherty as a Lifetime Member. MC unanimously.

Chairman Ott reported to the Board that a vendor had given Nancy Daugherty a \$100.00 gift card to her to honor and recognize her for their years of working together. Ms. Daugherty turned the gift card over to the department as per Employee Handbook #113 'Gifts and Gratuities' and Section 6 (A) and (B) of the 'Code of Ethics'. Discussion held and it was determined that the gift was clearly a retirement gift and not subject to the above policies.

Motion Ash, 2nd Cundiff to return the gift card to Ms. Daugherty which was given to her as a retirement gift from a long-time work acquaintance, as it is not in violation of the Employee Handbook, nor the Code of Ethics. MC unanimously.

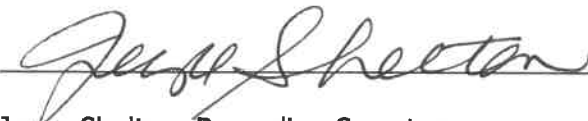
Attorney Mark Leach expressed his gratitude and praise for the response to his mother's home, (in FCFEMS District), on September 27, 2024. Fern Creek Fire responded to a tree down and gas leak at her home. She made and sent cookies to P-1 and to the Board for the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion Brown, 2nd Ash to adjourn at 4:52 p.m. MC unanimously.



Larry Ash, Secretary



Joyce Shelton, Recording Secretary