



**FIRE DISTRICT #1 JOHNSON COUNTY**  
**33364 W. 191st St.**  
**Edgerton, KS 66021**

**MINUTES -- Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**  
**33364 W. 191st St - Edgerton, KS**  
**September 12, 2023, at 7:00 pm**

A regular monthly meeting of the Fire District #1 Board of Directors was held in person and was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Randy Gregorcyk.

**The following staff members were present and signed in:**

Interim Fire Chief Trig Morley	Division Chief Colby Stanchfield
Division Chief Aaron Winkler	Fire Marshal Brad Ralston
Battalion Chief Ken Phelps	Battalion Chief Brad Davis
Firefighter Personnel	Administrative Services Ashley Smith

**The following guests were present:**

Andrew Holder, Fisher, Patterson, Saylor & Smith, LLP, Legal Counsel Fire District #1 Jo. Co.  
Matt Magle, CPA Hollis, Kuckelman, Van De Veer, Chartered  
Shirley Allenbrand, Johnson County Commissioner, District 6  
Joe Connor, Johnson County Assistant County Manager  
Peg Trent, Johnson County Legal  
Mark Dapp, Johnson County Budget and Financial Planning Deputy Director  
Jim Francis, Johnson County Fire Services Administrator  
Mike Casey, incoming Fire District #1 Board Member  
Lynne Hermansen, Gardner News

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The meeting agenda was distributed by Chairman Randy Gregorcyk. Board member Keith Johnson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Vice Chairman Mark Burdolski seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

**CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

The roll being called, it was found to be a quorum of the following members present and participating; to-wit:

Randy Gregorcyk, Chairman	Present
Mark Burdolski, Vice Chair	Present
Ron Conus, Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Keith Johnson	Present

## **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **III. PRESENTATION BY COMMISSIONER SHIRLEY ALLENBRAND**

Commissioner Allenbrand presented the support staff of Johnson County to the Board of Directors. In addition, she introduced Mike Casey. Thursday, September 14th, the Board of County Commissioners will vote to approve the addition of Mike Casey to the Fire District #1 Board of Directors.

No action taken.

## **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

We have a new addition to the agenda as suggested by the board at the June 2022 monthly Board meeting. Chairman Randy Gregorcyk presented the public comments as stated; members of the public are welcome to use this time to make comments about matters or items on the agenda that are not part of a public meeting. Members of the public are asked to keep their comments to three minutes. Comments are for informational purposes only. No action will be taken.

## **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### a. August 8, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Board member Keith Johnson moved to approve the August board meeting minutes as presented. Vice Chairman Mark Burdolski seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

### b. August 22, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes

Vice Chairman Mark Burdolski moved to approve the August Public Hearing minutes as presented. Board member Keith Johnson seconded the motion. All present board members voted: Johnson, yes, Gregorcyk, yes, Burdolski, yes, Conus, abstained. The motion carried 3-0.

## **VI. FINANCIAL REPORT**

### a. August 2023 Financial Report

Fire District #1 accountant Matt Magle, CPA, and Division Chief Colby Stanchfield worked on a spreadsheet to audit the \$500,000 over-budget concern. According to the working spreadsheet, the Fire District is \$150,000 over budget. Presently, the budget line items are 2% over.

Board member Keith Johnson asked if there are any plans to make that up. Chief Stanchfield stated that the \$150,000 includes what was transferred into reserves, \$130,000, at the beginning of this year. If the board were to approve the reversal of the transfer, there would be \$20,000 to correct. In addition, a three week Wildland Deployment just returned which should be reimbursed this year.

Board member Keith Johnson moved to approve the August financial report as presented. Board Chair Randy Gregorcyk seconded the motion. All present board members voted for the motion as follows; Johnson, yay, Gregorcyk, yay, Burdolski, yay, Conus, nay; the motion carried 3-1.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Interim Fire Chief Trig Morley Report**

Interim Chief Trig Morley reviewed the August call log of 434 calls within the district.

The District staff spent August supporting various events around the District. The Edgerton Green Space groundbreaking, Gardner Grind, Spring Hill and Gardner Football games, and all City Council meetings are a few.

August 16-20, 2023, the Garmin Air Show ran in Gardner. There were 14,600 ticketed attendees. The attendance was down from the last two years. Fire District #1 bills the air show for services rendered with personnel support. The invoice has been submitted. No air show is scheduled in 2024.

The Southern Johnson County CERT team is led by our own Firefighter Josh Shaw. The CERT team began an 8-week preparation and skills course.

August 11th through September 28th, the Type 3 engine and four crew members were deployed to New Mexico and Colorado on a wildfire assignment. The feedback on the assignment was good. Battalion Chief Mike Hirschmann is training to be an Engine Boss. This assignment gave him the opportunity for training.

Interim Fire Chief Trig Morley and Division Chief Colby Stanchfield attend the Johnson County Board of Commissioners meeting on August 31, 2023. The Fire District's budget for 2024 was presented for approval by the BOCC. It was approved.

No action taken.

**Declaration.** At this time, Board Members may declare any conflict or communication they have had that might influence their ability to impartially consider today's issues.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. Consider going into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel; pursuant to statutory justification listed in K.S.A. 75-4319(b).

Board Chairman Randy Gregorcyk moved to enter Executive Session at 7:36pm, to resume at 7:56pm. The board of directors and Fire District Attorney, Andrew Holder were invited to attend. Board member Keith Johnson seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

Board Secretary/Treasurer Ron Conus motioned to re-enter the open meeting at 7:56 pm. Board member Keith Johnson seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

- b. Consider going into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel; pursuant to statutory justification listed in K.S.A. 75-4319(b).

Board Chairman Randy Gregorcyk moved to enter Executive Session at 7:57pm, to resume at 8:17 pm. The board of directors, Fire District Attorney, Andrew Holder, and Interim Fire Chief Trig Morley were invited to attend. Board member Keith Johnson seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

Board Chairman Randy Gregorcyk motioned to re-enter the open meeting at 8:17 pm. Board Secretary/Treasurer Ron Conus seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

- c. Consider going into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel; pursuant to statutory justification listed in K.S.A. 75-4319(b).

Board Chairman Randy Gregorcyk moved to enter Executive Session at 8:18 pm, to resume at 8:38 pm. The board of directors, Fire District Attorney, Andrew Holder, and Interim Fire Chief Trig Morley were invited to attend. Board Secretary/Treasurer Ron Conus seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

Board member Keith Johnson motioned to re-enter the open meeting at 8:38 pm. Board Vice Chair Mark Burdolski seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

Board Chairman Randy Gregorcyk moved that the Board of Directors lift the interim tag and make Chief Morley the permanent Fire Chief for Fire District #1 effective immediately. Board Secretary/Treasurer Ron Conus seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

Board Secretary/Treasurer Ron Conus addressed the Board of Directors with a notice they received from the City of Gardner. He asked if the notice could be explained further. Conus asked if the new housing district proposed would provide a tax base to the Fire District. Board Chairman Randy Gregorcyk reached out to City Manager, Jim Pruetting prior to the meeting for clarification on the notice. Pruetting noted that the RHID includes 87 senior villas, 110 senior townhomes, 132 independent living senior apartments, and 90 assisted living senior apartments. In addition, the overall project includes 76 single-family estates that are not included in the RHID. Fire District #1 will see an increased tax base after the RHID cap is met or in 16 years, whichever comes first.

No action taken.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Vice Chair Mark Burdolski moved to adjourn the meeting. Board member Keith Johnson seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next monthly board meeting will be held on October 10th, 2023 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in person at Station #81, 33364 W. 191st ST. Edgerton, KS 66021.

**ATTEST:**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**FIRE DISTRICT #1 JOHNSON COUNTY**

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Ashley Smith, Administrative Services  
Recording Secretary

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Trig Morley, Fire Chief

**The above minutes having been read and considered by the Board of Directors of Fire District #1 Johnson County, and having been found to be correct as written, or with minor changes as shown above, was approved on this 10th day of October 2023.**

**APPROVED by BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**FIRE DISTRICT #1 JOHNSON COUNTY**