



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

**MINUTES -- Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**  
**33364 W. 191st St - Edgerton, KS**  
**March 14th, 2023, at 6:30 pm**

A regular monthly meeting of the Fire District #1 Board of Directors was held in person and was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Randy Gregorcyk

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

Fire Chief Dennis Meyers	Division Chief Colby Stanchfield
Division Chief Trig Morley	Fire Marshal Brad Ralston
Battalion Chief Ken Phelps	Battalion Chief Brad Davis
Administrative Services Ashley Smith	

**The following guests were present:**

Andrew Holder, Fisher, Patterson, Saylor & Smith, LLP, Fire District #1 Attorney  
Joe Connor, Johnson County Assistant City Manager  
Jim Francis, Johnson County Fire Services Administrator  
Lynne Hermansen, Gardner News

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The meeting agenda was distributed by Chairman Randy Gregorcyk. Board member Connie Schmidt moved to approve the agenda as presented. Board Member Keith Johnson 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	Arrived at 6:38 pm
Ron Conus, Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Keith Johnson	Present
Connie Schmidt	Present

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III. PRESENTATIONS**

Sixth-District, Johnson County Commissioner, Shirley Allenbrand presented a legislative update for the county. She introduced Assistant County Manager, Joe Connor. She stated that many different things are changing in the county budget, across the board. If there are any specific areas that the Fire District #1 Board of Directors would like additional information on, Commissioner Allenbrand encouraged them to reach out to her. She clarified that public comments are no longer published from the Board of County Commissioner meetings.

Assistant County Manager, Joe Connor spoke on behalf of the county staff and their willingness to provide assistance for budget preparations for Fire District #1. Board Chairman Randy Gregorcyk suggested a work session to work through the 2024 budget questions.

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

We have a new addition to the agenda as suggested by the board at the June 2022 monthly Board meeting. Vice Chairman Mark Burdolski 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.

No public was present.

### **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. February 14, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Board member Connie Schmidt moved to approve the February 14, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes as written. Board Secretary/Treasurer Ron Conus seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

### **VI. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- a. February 2023 Financial Report

Chief Meyers presented the financial report. Fire District accountant Matt Magle was absent. As requested in the February board meeting, funds were transferred to the appropriate accounts. Overtime is still an issue. The new staff are hired and onboarded. However, there are three firefighters out for injuries with projections of longer recoveries.

Board Treasurer/Secretary Ron Conus moved to accept the February 2023 Financial Report. Board Member Keith Johnson seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 5-0.

### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Fire Chief Dennis Meyers Report

Chief Meyers reviewed old business. Chief Meyers attended a meeting with County Fire Administrator Jim Francis regarding the House Bill 2323. The City of Olathe is pushing to have unincorporated properties detached from the Fire District's taxable properties. The Fire District

budget will have to be evaluated to determine the loss that would be absorbed by the detachment. There are no updates on this bill so far. The County, Northwest Consolidated and Joe Connor protested and gave amendments that will hopefully be approved.

Last month's ice storm caused a truck accident on the scene. Miami County Sheriff's Deputies were already administering CPR to a subject. As the aerial truck arrived on the scene and came to a stop, it slid and a police car was hit. Very little damage was done. In addition, the garage door was hit by the aerial truck at Station 81 as the truck was leaving. The door was not all the way up. No damage was reported to the truck. The bottom two panels are being replaced on the bay door.

Fire Chief Dennis Meyers met with Columbia Capital Management to inquire about investment options for Fire District #1. Rates came back in a good place with offerings of 6 month investment periods. During our 2023 Financial Audit, Chief Meyers will be speaking with the auditor to make sure we follow all requirements.

The new Battalion Chief Truck 81 is in service. The new Type 3 Wildland engine is at Conrad's getting adjustments before going into service.

Chief Meyers attended the annual appraisal meeting at the County to get the appraisal picture for 2024. First District #1 will have to wait until later in the year to determine budget outlines. Appraisals look to be up 12-13%.

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.

Board Chairman Randy Gregorcyk advised that he was aware of the Johnson County Code of Ethics for Public Officials before the Board Meeting Agenda was established.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Adopt the Code of Ethics for Johnson County Public Officials

Fire District #1 Attorney Andrew Holder reviewed and presented the Code of Ethics for Johnson County Public Officials. The Board of Directors were provided with copies of the Code of Ethics and an acknowledgement for them to sign that they have read and understand. Board Chairman suggested the Board of Directors be given until end of business on Friday March 17, 2023 to review the changes in the Code of Ethics for Johnson County Public Officials prior to signing the acknowledgement.

No action taken.

- b. Consider moving the time of the Fire Board meetings to 7:00p.m. during Daylight Savings.

Board Member Connie Schmidt moved to approve moving the time of the Fire Board meetings to 7:00p.m. during Daylight Savings. Board Member Keith Johnson seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion, the motion carried 5-0.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board Member Connie Schmidt moved to recess into Executive Session pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319 (B(2)) under the Attorney Client Privilege to include Fire District Legal Counsel, Fire Chief, and Fire Board members, until reconvening at 7:30pm. Board Member Keith Johnson seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion, the motion carried 5-0.

Board Chairman Randy Gregorcyk requested a motion to open the public meeting at 7:30pm. Board Member Connie Schmidt moved to reconvene the public meeting at 7:30pm. Board Secretary/Treasurer Ron Conus seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion, the motion carried 5-0.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Vice Chairman 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 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next monthly board meeting will be held on April 11th, 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, Recording Secretary

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Dennis Meyers, 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 11th day of April 2023.**

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