



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

**MINUTES -- Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**  
**33364 W. 191st St - Edgerton, KS**  
**July 12, 2022, 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 Board Chairman Randy Gregorcyk.

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

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| Fire Chief Dennis Meyers                                  | Director Administrative Services Mary Bush |
| Division Chief Aaron Winkler                              | Division Chief Trig Morley                 |
| Fire Marshal, Brad Ralston                                | Battalion Chief EMS Colby Stanchfield      |
| Battalion Chief Chris Russell                             | Battalion Chief Rob Hudspeth               |
| Battalion Chief Brad Davis                                | Fire Shift Personnel                       |
| Administrative Assistant Ashley Smith                     |  |
| Matt Magle, CPA Hollis, Kuckelman, Van De Veer, Chartered |  |

**The following guests were present:**

Ted Clemons, Johnson County Senior Management and Budget Analyst  
Lynne Hermansen, Gardner News

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The meeting agenda was distributed by Board Chairman Randy Gregorcyk. Board member Keith Johnson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Board Secretary/Treasurer Ron Conus seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 5-0.

**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:

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

## **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

We have a new addition to the agenda as suggested by the board at the June 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.

## **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **a. June 2022 Board Meeting Minutes**

Board member Keith Johnson moved to approve the June 2022 Board Meeting minutes as written. Board member Mark Burdolski seconded the motion. Board member Connie Schmidt abstained from action due to her absence at the June 2022 Board Meeting. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 4-0.

### **b. June 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Board member Mark Burdolski moved to approve the June 2022 Special Board Meeting minutes as written. Board member Keith Johnson seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 5-0.

## **V. FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **a. June 2022 Financial Report**

Fire Chief Dennis Meyers and Accountant Matt Magle, CPA presented the June 2022 Financial Report. Overall, the budget is close to on track. It should be at about 50% for the year. There are a few line items that are slightly off and will remain that way until the Wildland Assignments' reimbursement is received by the Fire District. All Board members received the Auditor's report. There were a few deficiencies. We do not have our own accountant on staff for the Fire District and we use a signature stamp for all payables. Meyers noted that we do not keep any checks on hand. Anything needing a check has to be processed through the accountants office.

Board Chairman Randy Gregorcyk asked where the KPF contribution rates for employers and employees come from. Meyers replied that those figures are determined each year by the state for KPERS/KPF. Employees currently contribute 8.2% and the Fire District contributes 22.8% per pay period.

Board Secretary/Treasurer Ron Conus asked what the net pension liability fund was for. It is an account that contains the funding used to pay out sick and vacation pay for all employees. The line item maintenance is around \$190-196,000. Currently there is \$186,000 in the line item.

Board Secretary/Treasurer Ron Conus motioned to approve the June 2022 Financial Report.

Board Member Keith Johnson seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 5-0.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Fire Chief Dennis Meyers Report**

Chief Meyers introduced Firefighter Kale Neis to the Board of Directors. Kale is the Union President of the IAFF #3559. This organization has done many things for our community. Recently, they gathered the funds and hands to repair the floor of a home in Conestoga. In addition, they lead a blood drive competition between Fire District #1, Gardner Police, Johnson County Sheriff and Med-Act. Fire District #1 won the traveling trophy this year and it will be displayed at Station #81 until next year's blood drive. In addition, Local IAFF #3559 purchased 4th of July T-shirts for all Fire District #1 Staff, volunteers and Board of Directors.

Wildland billing for all of the assignments so far this year have been turned in for reimbursement. We anticipate \$98,000 to be returned to the Wildland line item after all of our costs for Overtime, Fuel and travel have been reimbursed. Chief Meyers thanks Chief Morley, Administrative Services Director Mary Bush and Ashley Smith for their work on this.

Chief Meyers and the executive staff met with Chief Francis to go over the Fire District #2, 2nd quarterly billing true-up. Neither party saw any issues or problems. Payment will be sent to Fire District #1 next week.

Board member Keith Johnson asked about the Miami County contract. Chief Meyers stated that it's still pending and likely would not go into effect until January 2023. The contract for New Century Airport will be approved next week and Chief Meyers will bring it to the Board of Directors at the August 2022 monthly meeting.

**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.**

## **VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a.** Consider authorizing the publication of a proposed budget for Fire District #1 Johnson County in the amount of \$11,128,906.00 for fiscal year 2023, notifying the county clerk of the proposed intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate, and setting a public hearing on the proposed budget on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at 33364 W 191<sup>st</sup> Street, Edgerton, KS.

Chief Meyers stated that this is the next step of the budget process. He met with the accountant and Matt Magle filled out all of the budget forms and made corrections with the county. There was a budget carryover of \$116,000 from 2021. Since 2022 cannot be republished, 2021 overages are trued up with the 2023 budget.

Board Member Connie Schmidt moved to authorize the publication of a proposed budget for Fire District #1 Johnson County in the amount of \$11,128,906.00 for fiscal year 2023, notifying the county clerk of the proposed intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate, and setting a public hearing on the proposed budget on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom at 33364 W 191<sup>st</sup> Street, Edgerton, KS. Board Member Keith Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was taken; Connie Schmidt, yes; Keith Johnson, yes; Randy Gregorcyk, yes; Mark Burdolski, yes; Ron Conus, nay. The motion carried 4-1.

- b.** Consider authorizing Jayhawk Fire Sprinkler to service and replace the domestic backflow system for Station 83 not to exceed \$5732.00.

Chief Meyers stated that Station #83 has backflow preventers to keep water from back flowing into the system. The service and replacement cannot be put off any longer.

Board Member Keith Johnson moved to authorize Jayhawk Fire Sprinklers to service and replace the domestic backflow system for Station 83 not to exceed \$5732.00. Board Member Connie Schmidt moved to second the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 5-0.

- c.** Consider authorizing Dave The Painter to prep and paint the exterior of Station 83 not to exceed \$14,000.00.

Chief Meyers presented photographs showing the paint chipping and peeling from the building. This will help the fire station to look nice for the airshow. In addition, this paint job has been put off for 2-3 years. Dave The Painter will repair all cracks, re-caulk the building and paint. Board Member Connie Schmidt noted that Dave the Painter is a local business.

Board Member Connie Schmidt moved to authorize Dave The Painter to prep and paint the exterior of Station 83 not to exceed \$14,000.00. Board Secretary/Treasurer Ron Conus seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 5-0.

- d.** Consider authorizing Insulation Pros to do insulation work at Station 85 not to exceed \$3,700.00.

A few months ago, all of the dead trees in the yard of Station #85 were removed. That removal also removed all shade to the building. The A/C unit was replaced in 2015. However, the building is not cooling well. There is very little insulation in the attic. Insulation Pros will remove all of the old insulation, caulk all appliances, change vents and add R49 insulation.

Board Member Keith Johnson moved to authorize Insulation Pros to do insulation work at Station 85 not to exceed \$3,700.00. Board Vice Chair Mark Burdolski seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 5-0.

Board Chair asked if the Board Members had any questions for the Fire Chief and staff. Board Chair Randy Gregorcyk asked if it would be possible to add the board members' email addresses to the website. Board Member Connie Schmidt liked the idea. Chief Meyer said that it would be a pretty easy fix that could be done immediately.

Board Member Connie Schmidt also stated that she enjoyed receiving the 3rd Quarter Newsletter for Fire District #1. She asked who the newsletter would be distributed to. Administrative Director Mary Bush listed the City managers, Clerks, People at the County, and our County Commissioner, Shirley Allenbrand. Board Member Connie Schmidt suggested it be distributed to all of the County Commissioners.

Lastly, Board Member Connie Schmidt asked if our representative for the World's Strongest Firefighter was present. Firefighter Muniz was not present. Chief Meyers stated that Firefighter Muniz was selected in the top 18 of 3-400 candidates and placed 10th overall.

## **IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Connie Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting. Board member Keith Johnson seconded the motion. All present board members voting in favor, the motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Next monthly board meeting will be held on August 9th, 2022 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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Mary Bush, 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 9th day of August, 2022.**

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