



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

**MINUTES -- Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**  
**33364 W. 191st St - Edgerton, KS**  
**May 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

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

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

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

**The following guests were present:**

Paul Davis, Johnson County Director/Chief Emergency Medical Services  
Ted Clemons, Johnson County Senior Management and Budget Analyst

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The meeting agenda was distributed by Board Chairman Mark Burdolski. Board Treasurer Keith Johnson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Board member Connie Schmidt 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:

Mark Burdolski, Chairman    Present  
Keith Johnson, Treasurer    Present  
Ron Conus                      Present  
Randy Gregorcyk              Present  
Connie Schmidt                Present

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Board member Ron Conus moved to approve the April 2022 Board Meeting minutes as written. Board member Randy Gregorcyk seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 5-0.

### **IV. FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### **a. April 2022 Financial Report**

Fire District #1 Accountant, Matt Magle, CPA presented the April financial report. He noted that most line items are in line. Board Member Ron Conus inquired about the doubled overtime compared to last month. Fire Chief Dennis Meyers explained that the increased overtime was due to coverage for the wildland deployments which will be reimbursed. Fuel charge increases were affected by the deployments as well. The sale of the 2016 Chevy Tahoe shows in the cash receipts and disbursements. Matt Magle, CPA noted that this item will be corrected and balanced in the May financial statement. Board member Keith Johnson moved to approve the April 2022 Financial Report. Board Member Ron Conus seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 5-0.

### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

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

May 4, 2022 Fire District #1 hosted the Gardner Chamber of Commerce Coffee. More than 30 members participated. Chief Meyers presented a PowerPoint presentation. Many people in attendance were unaware of the many things that the Fire District #1 does in the community. Chief Meyers spoke with USD #231's interim superintendent and discussed the High School fire program.

Fire District #1 is also a member of the Gardner Rotary club. Chief Meyers and Board Chair Mark Burdolski will attend the Rotary meetings.

Chief Meyers is working with Aaron Otto, Executive Director of the Johnson County Airport Commission, on the contract with New Century. The contract rate has not changed in years. They are working on a possible 11% increase for runway checks and airport training done there.

Water District 7 would like to host one of their board meetings at Station #81. They contributed to the construction of the station.

The annual audit for Fire District #1 is complete. The auditor had some questions about the contract with District #2 but overall the preliminary report shows nothing of significant concern.

Originally an executive session was planned for the May meeting but it will be postponed. After meeting with the county assessors, we do not have enough information to present the payroll adjustments comfortably. Board Member Randy Gregorcyk asked if a special meeting might be held prior to the next meeting. Chief Meyers noted that if enough information is available, then

yes. There are still items in regards to the Pilot program and changes in assessed evaluation that are not ready. Until all of those figures are ready Chief Meyers is not ready to add additional costs to next year's budget.

**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. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. Consider approval of Board Bi-Laws**

Board Chair Mark Burdolski presented the Fire Board Bi-Laws. Board member Randy Gregoryck had a question regarding naming board members rather than identifying them by the area of the district they represent. Board Member Randy Gregorcyk suggested Gardner, Edgerton, Townships and Rural areas. Board member Connie Schmidt asked if the City of Spring Hill was considered within District #1. Chief Meyers said that it is not but it is under contract.

Board Member Randy Gregorcyk presented the question of whether board meetings were authorized in and out of the state of Kansas. Chief Meyers said that the bi-laws reference the ability for board members to meet outside of Kansas if they were to have a quorum at a conference or other situation, representing Fire District #1.

Board Member Randy Gregorcyk asked about the elected officials by the board of directors. The wording suggests that elections cannot take place during a term. Board Member Connie Schmidt stated that special elections would be held as needed to fill vacancy of any position, to fill that vacancy until the term ended.

Administrative Services Director Mary Bush included notes that legal council gave updates to the bi-laws late the day of the meeting. The majority of the notes were made as a matter of wordsmithing the document.

Board Member Randy Gregorcyk moved to approve the Board Bi-Laws as written with the addition of Mary's notes of legal re-wording. Board Member Connie Schmidt seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 5-0.

#### **b. Consider election of Board Officers**

Chief Meyers presented the elections of the Board of Directors Officers. Board Chair Mark Burdolski asked for nominations of the Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer/Secretary.

Board Member Connie Schmidt nominated Ron Conus for Board Chair. Board Member Keith Johnson seconded the nomination. Board Member Randy Gregorcyk nominated himself as the Board Chair. Board Chair Mark Burdolski seconded the motion. Ballots were distributed to each of the board members to vote. With two votes for Ron Conus and three votes for Randy Gregorcyk, Randy was elected as Board Chair.

Board Member Randy Gregorcyk nominated Ron Conus for Vice Chair. Board Member Connie Schmidt seconded the nomination. Board Treasurer Keith Johnson nominated Mark Burdolski as the Vice Chair. Board Chair Mark Burdolski seconded the motion. Ballots were distributed to each of the board members to vote. With two votes for Ron Conus and three votes for Mark Burdolski, Mark was elected as Board Chair.

Board Treasurer Keith Johnson nominated Ron Conus for Board Treasurer/Secretary. Board Member Connie Schmidt seconded the nomination. All present board members voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried 5-0.

Board Member Randy Gregorcyk asked how the executive officers are preparing and formulating a plan to adjust the payroll differences in Fire District #1. Division Chief Aaron Winkler stated that the numbers are coming and the staff is analyzing the pay study and what it is going to take to level out the payroll. Chief Meyers noted the increases in Fuel, Uniforms and PPE. Board Treasurer Keith Johnson noted the cost of living analysis. Until assessed valuations come in, nothing can be done with those numbers.

Board Member Connie Schmidt noted her list of priorities being first, the internal equity. Fire Chief Meyers said that adjusting the Firefighter level payrolls will cost Fire District #1 approximately \$32,000, and Fire District #2 approximately \$52,000. Captain and Battalion Chief adjustments will cost Fire District #1 more. Board Member Connie Schmidt said that once the first two payroll adjustments are made, she would like to see the Fire District gain salary equity within the county for firefighters. She noted that cost of living adjustments would be her last priority in the adjustment process.

## **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Next monthly board meeting will be held on June 14th, 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 14th day of June, 2022.**

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