

**MINUTES OF THE
THIRTEEN HUNDRED and TWENTY-THIRD (1323rd) MEETING
OF THE
EUREKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ST. LOUIS AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES
STATE OF MISSOURI**

November 12, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Directors of Eureka Fire Protection District of St. Louis and Jefferson Counties, Eureka, Missouri met at the office of said District, Fire Station 1 – Meeting Room; 4849 Highway 109, Eureka, Missouri 63025, on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 1730 hours (5:30 p.m.). At the above time and place there were present:

ROLL

Charles L. Brown	-- Treasurer and Director
Patrick Feder	-- Chairman and Director
Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	-- Secretary and Director

Fire Chief Greg Brown
Assistant Chief Scott Barthelmass

Guests in physical attendance -
Members of the District Staff

QUORUM

A quorum being present, the Chairman called the meeting to order and announced the Board of Directors meeting to be in session for the transaction of public business to be brought before it at this time. The Chairman also confirmed that the posted agenda for the meeting contained instructions for accessing the meeting electronically and that the agenda was posted and made available to the public more than 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

The Chairman inquired as to whether there were any amendments to the Tentative Agenda for the meeting. Chief Brown informed the Board that Assistant Chief Barthelmass was going to run the meeting. Assistant Chief Barthelmass reported the following additions to the tentative agenda:

III. Pension Issues: none.

IV. Communications: none.

V. Public Comments: none.

VI. Shop Steward Remarks: none.

VII. Budget: none.

VIII. Old Business: none.

IX. New Business: none.

On motion made by Director Brown and seconded by Director Mathison the Tentative Agenda was accepted as the Final Approved Agenda.

I. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

The Chairman called for acceptance or rejection of the meeting minutes for the October 22, 2024 Board of Director's Open and Closed Meeting.

Following discussion, and on motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Mathison, the minutes of the October 22, 2024 Open and Closed meeting were approved by the Board.

The Board of Directors being present and voting affirmatively, the motion was adopted and approved. The roll call vote was as follows:

Director Charles L. Brown	- Aye
Director Pat Feder	- Aye
Director Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

II. PRESENTATIONS

A. Blake Hutchcraft Presentation

Mr. Blake Hutchcraft attended the meeting and expressed great gratitude to the District and the crew of A-Shift from House #2 for medical assistance on September 27, 2024 when he had a very serious health issue at work. He commended the conduct of the crew and stated that they very likely saved his lived.

A brief discussion was held.

B. Shield Presentation – Kenneth Robbins

Assistant Chief Barthelmass informed the Board that Kenneth Robbins had successfully completed his probationary period of employment. Thereafter, Chairman Feder presented to Kenneth Robbins his customized helmet shield.

Congratulations was offered by District staff and guests attending the meeting.

C. Plaque Presentation to Andy Morris and Colin Belmar

Assistant Chief Barthelmass informed the Board that Andy Morris and Colin Belmar were attending the meeting and that the District wanted to honor them for being good Samaritans. He reported that the two gentlemen came upon a serious car accident on October 11, 2024 at Highway FF and Sunrise and were able to safely pull the driver of a car out of the automobile shortly before the vehicle burst into flames.

Thereafter, Chairman Feder presented a plaque to the gentlemen.

Congratulations was offered by District staff and guests attending the meeting.

III. PENSION BOARD

The Chairman next called for the presentation of any pension matters.

No items were presented.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman next called for the presentation of Communications.

A. Board Inquiry

Assistant Chief Barthelmass provided a copy of emails from an individual interested in serving on the Board of Directors. He reported that the Notice of Election information was provided to the individual. He indicated that he was willing to serve on the Board in the future if there was a vacant seat.

B. ISO

Deputy Chief Pallarito provided an update to the Board on the ISO rating meeting held on November 7, 2024.

A general discussion was held.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Chairman next called for Public Comments.

Director Mathison expressed gratitude to all the veterans at the meeting and in the District for serving the country.

VI. SHOP STEWARD REMARKS

The Chairman next called for any remarks from the Shop Steward.

Shop Steward Merry did not attend the meeting but Assistant Chief Barthelmass relayed information about the Shop's upcoming fundraiser at JP's Sports Bar.

VII. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. Treasurer's Report

The Chairman next called for a discussion of financial matters. A financial report was presented to the Board of Directors for review of general revenue checking, capital improvement checking fund, medical self-insurance fund, escrow balances, preliminary check register with attachments, and account payable invoices.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was duly made by Director Brown, and seconded by Director Mathison and the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTION
ADOPTING THE TREASURER'S REPORT
OF THE
EUREKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
November 12, 2024**

"BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Directors of the Eureka Fire Protection District of St. Louis and Jefferson Counties, Missouri, that the Treasurer's Report submitted to the Board of Directors, November 12, 2024, is hereby approved and accepted, including the payment of bills presented, with corrections if any; and,

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that said Report be appended to these Minutes and incorporated herein by reference, and that the disbursements, payment of bills, and transfers of funds therein approved be made by the appropriate, District Officers.”

The Board of Directors being present and voting affirmatively, the Resolution was adopted and approved. The roll call vote was as follows:

Director Charles L. Brown	- Aye
Director Pat Feder	- Aye
Director Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

B. Defeasance Documents for Approval

Assistant Chief Barthelmass presented to the Board the final updated defeasance documents from Martin Ghafori with Stifle. The anticipated closing date was reported to be November 21, 2024.

A general discussion was held.

Following further discussion, Director Brown made a motion to approve and sign the necessary defeasance documents and the motion was seconded by Director Mathison.

The Board of Directors being present and voting affirmatively, the motion was adopted and approved. The roll call vote was as follows:

Director Charles L. Brown	- Aye
Director Patrick Feder	- Aye
Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

C. Maintenance Issues

Assistant Chief Barthelmass reviewed several maintenance items that needed Board action, including the replacement of the ice machines at House #2 and #3 not to exceed \$6,000; the repair of the building generators at House #1 (\$3,500.00) and House #2 (\$4,900); and to repair or replace the HVAC unit at House #1 for \$14,500. He provided bid documents and a memo regarding the items. He requested permission to proceed with the repairs and to use funds from the Capital Reserve funds account.

Following further discussion, Director Brown made a motion to approve the repairs and the motion was seconded by Director Mathison.

The Board of Directors being present and voting affirmatively, the motion was adopted and approved. The roll call vote was as follows:

Director Charles L. Brown - Aye
Director Patrick Feder - Aye
Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr. - Aye

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

The next called before the Board was Old Business matters, the Chairman then requested the presentation of any Old Business.

A. ARPA Grant Award

Assistant Chief Barthelmass informed the Board that the District was awarded a \$100,000.00 ARPA grant with a 10% matching requirement to purchase 2 Zoll monitors and the presented the ARPA grant document and contract with Zoll and requested permission to purchase the Zoll monitors.

A brief discussion was held.

Following further discussion, Director Brown made a motion to approve the purchase and the motion was seconded by Director Mathison.

The Board of Directors being present and voting affirmatively, the motion was adopted and approved. The roll call vote was as follows:

Director Charles L. Brown - Aye
Director Patrick Feder - Aye
Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr. - Aye

B. Wildland Gear Bid Opening

Assistant Chief Barthelmass presented to the Chairman the sealed bids recieved in response to the RFP for the new Wildland Gear.

The Chairman opened the bids and announced the following bids:

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| 1. | Linegear Fire Rescue | \$49,950.00 |
| 2. | Propper International | \$18,598.00 |
| 3. | Feld Fire | \$62,275.00 |
| 4. | MacQueen Fire | \$60,989.00 |
| 5. | Feld Fire | \$54,025.00 |
| 6. | Feld Fire | \$63,775.00 |
| 7. | Banner Fire Equipment | \$47,732.50 |

8.	Leo M. Ellebracht	\$47,649.00
9.	Wildland Warehouse	\$43,355.00
10.	Sentinel Emergency	\$50,351.30
11.	Dinges Fire	\$892.00 per fire firefighter
12.	Witmer Public Safety	\$46,145.99

The Chairman announce that the bids will be referred to the committee for review and that the bid will hopefully be awarded at the next meeting.

A vote was not held.

C. SHBB Update

Assistant Chief Barthelmass provided a brief update to the Board concerning the Safe Haven Baby Box at House #2. He reported that the hole is cut in the wall, the work on the electric has started, and that hopefully that project may be completed within a month.

A short discussion was held.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There being no further Old Business matters, the Chairman then requested the presentation of any New Business.

A. Request to advertise for bid – Swift Water Gear

Assistant Chief Barthelmass informed the Board that the District had been awarded a grant from Phillips 66 to purchase new Swift Water Gear for all personnel. He requested authority to advertise for bid for the new gear.

A brief discussion was held.

Following a brief discussion, and on motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Mathison, the bid advertisement was approved by the Board.

The Board of Directors being present and voting affirmatively, the motion was adopted and approved. The roll call vote was as follows:

Director Charles L. Brown	- Aye
Director Pat Feder	- Aye
Director Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

B. Image Trend HIH Proposal

Deputy Chief Stamberger informed the Board that the District had received a bid from Image Trend to replace the District's Health Data Exchange which will improve the District's ability to share and obtain patient outcomes and billing information from a wider network of medical providers at the same cost as the current Health Data Exchange company.

A brief discussion was held.

Following a brief discussion, and on motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Mathison, the bid from Image Trend was approved by the Board.

The Board of Directors being present and voting affirmatively, the motion was adopted and approved. The roll call vote was as follows:

Director Charles L. Brown	- Aye
Director Pat Feder	- Aye
Director Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

C. Health Insurance Renewal

Mr. Howard Danzig attended the meeting and reviewed the renewal proposal for the District's stop-loss health insurance carrier with the Board. He reported that the proposal will result in a 7.56% reduction in premium expense for the same level of coverage.

A brief discussion was held.

Following a brief discussion, and on motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Mathison, the renewal proposal as presented by Mr. Danzig was approved by the Board.

The Board of Directors being present and voting affirmatively, the motion was adopted and approved. The roll call vote was as follows:

Director Charles L. Brown	- Aye
Director Pat Feder	- Aye
Director Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

Thereafter, on motion duly made by Director Mathison, seconded by Director Brown, and unanimously adopted, it was decided that there shall be a closed meeting of the board of directors, with closed records and closed vote, to be held for the discussion pursuant to RSMo. Section 610.021 (1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation

involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys; RSMo. Section 610.0.021(3), Hiring, Firing, Discipline or Promoting of Particular Employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded; and RSMo. Section 610.021(23), Preparation, including any discussions or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups, to occur immediately after "new business" or at such time during the meeting as convenient to the meeting and/oe R.S.Mo. Section 610.021 (18) discussion of operational guidelines, policies, or responses plans for discussion or adoption to avoid or prevent any critical incident as defined in Section 610.021(18).

The Board of Directors being present and voting affirmatively, the Motion was adopted and approved. The roll call vote was as follows:

Director Charles L. Brown	- Aye
Director Patrick Feder	- Aye
Director Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

Based upon the foregoing vote, the public session of the meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 6:15 p.m. and a Closed meeting was held.

RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 7:44 pm.

**THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT NO
OFFICIAL VOTES OR OFFICIAL ACTIONS WERE TAKEN
BY THE BOARD IN CLOSED SESSION AT THE NOVEMBER 12, 2024
MEETING.**

X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Therefore, there being no other or further business to come before the Board, the Chairman stated that the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 1730 hours, Fire Station 1, Meeting Room, 4849 Highway 109, Eureka Fire Protection District, Eureka, Missouri.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made by Director Mathison, seconded by Director Brown, and unanimously approved, the Chairman adjourned the general public meeting of the Board of Directors at 1945 hours (7:45.m.).

Respectfully submitted,

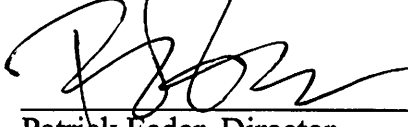


Gregory Lee Mathison, Secretary,
Board of Directors

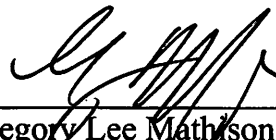
Approved:



Charles L. Brown, Director 11/26/2024
Date



Patrick Feder, Director ~~10/26/24~~ 11/26/24
Date



Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr. ~~10-26-24~~ 11/26/24
Date