

**THIRTEEN HUNDRED and THIRTY-SECOND (1) MEETING  
OF THE  
EUREKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
ST. LOUIS AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES  
STATE OF MISSOURI**

**March 11, 2025**

**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, March 11, 2025, 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 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. Fire 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 the meeting minutes for the February 25, 2025 of Director's Open and Closed Meeting for review and approval by the Board.

Following discussion, and on motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Mathison, the minutes of the February 25, 2025 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. Significant Calls**

Chief Barthelmass shared several emails with the Board regarding the District emergency calls to assist on a fire in Cedar Hill and also an EMS call for an 80 year old patient with severe respiratory distress.

## **III. PENSION BOARD**

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

No items presented.

## **IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman next called for the presentation of Communications.

### **A. Thank you card from Barbara Wilson for Valentine's candy.**

Fire Chief Barthelmass provided a copy of the Thank You letter from Barbara Wilson for Valentine's candy to the Board for review.

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Chairman next called for Public Comments.

No items were presented to the Board.

## **VI. SHOP STEWARD REMARKS**

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

Shop Steward Merry did not attend the meeting and did not make any presentation to the Board.

**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  
March 11, 2025**

“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, March 11, 2025, 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

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

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

**A. Election Update**

Fire Chief Barthelmass provided a brief update to the Board concerning the upcoming tax increase election. Braxton Payne with Show-Me Victories attended the meeting via zoom and provided an update on the informational campaign for the upcoming election and Proposition F

A general discussion was held.

The Board did not hold a vote.

**B. SHBB Update**

Fire Chief Barthelmass provided a brief update to the Board concerning the Safe Haven Baby Box at House #2. He stated that the Blessing is scheduled for March 19, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

A short discussion was held.

**C. Strategic Plan**

Fire Chief Barthelmass provided a brief update to the Board concerning the strategic plan to the Board and indicated that the District was close to the final document and close to be ready to publish.

A brief discussion was held.

The Board did not hold a vote.

**D. Community Paramedic Program**

Fire Chief Barthelmass informed the Board that the District staff had put together a promotional flyer for the program and that the City of Eureka had distributed some of the flyers at the Timbers. It was reported that approximately 50 flyers out at the Timbers.

A brief discussion was held.

The Board did not hold a vote.

**E. Smoke Detector Checks**

Fire Chief Barthelmass informed the Board that District staff had canvassed the Arbors and Augustine Heights for smoke detector checks.

A brief discussion was held.

The Board did not hold a vote.

**F. Hiring List Update**

Fire Chief Barthelmass updated the Board on the new hiring list process and reported that two days of interviews had started today.

A general discussion was held.

The Board did not hold a vote.

**G. Pest Control**

Fire Chief Barthelmass and Battalion Chief Dempsey informed the Board that District fire stations are in the need for professional pest control. Battalion Chief Dempsey reported that he contacted local pest control companies and obtained written service proposals from Rottler and Orkin. Based upon the proposals, it was his recommendation that the Board award the service contract to Orkin.

A general discussion was held.

Thereafter, on motion duly made by Director Brown, seconded by Director Mathison, and unanimously adopted, the Board approved the service contract with Orkin Pest Control.

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

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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

### **A. Search Team Communication**

Fire Chief Barthelmass and Deputy Chief Kavanagh informed the Board that District will be assisting the search and rescue team by getting it access to the District's radio system and also radio access to other organizations for better search and rescue response.

A brief discussion was held.

The Board did not hold a vote.

### **B. PS Trax**

Fire Chief Barthelmass informed the Board that Lieutenant Torno had identified approximately \$3,500.00 in unused/unnecessary services. He reported that the District has been issued an account credit of \$3,500.00 and reduced contract expense going forward.

A brief discussion was held.

The Board did not hold a vote.

### **C. Drones**

Fire Chief Barthelmass updated the Board that District staff and other fire responders had appeared at legislative hearings regarding new proposed limitations on the use of drones. The proposed legislative rules would prohibit the use of drones made in China and many of the drones in current use by emergency services have been made in China. Fire Chief Barthelmass stated that it is important for emergency services to inform legislators and the public that emergency services will need time and funding to upgrade drone equipment.

A brief discussion was held.

The Board did not hold a vote.

**D. New Engine Update**

Fire Chief Barthelmass informed the Board that District that the new Unit 2414 delivery date has been delayed from July back until November or December due to production delays.

A brief discussion was held.

The Board did not hold a vote.

**E. Sports and Special Events Incident Management Training**

Fire Chief Barthelmass informed the Board that District has been asked to host a training session for a base camp for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

A brief discussion was held.

The Board did not hold a vote.

**F. Search Dog Passing**

Fire Chief Barthelmass informed the Board that a search dog named Melvin with the Search and Rescue Team had passed away on March 1, 2025.

A brief discussion was held.

The Board did not hold a vote.

**G. Weather Spotter Class**

Fire Chief Barthelmass informed the Board that District will host a National Weather Service weather spotter course at the training center on March 13, 2025.

A brief discussion was held.

The Board did not hold a vote.

**H. Focus Marine Foundation**

Fire Chief Barthelmass informed the Board that District will be assisting the Focus Marine Foundation in late Spring or early Summer.

A brief discussion was held.



The Board did not hold a vote.

**I. Hazmat Team Training**

Fire Chief Barthelmass informed the Board that District will serve as a host for a Lithium Battery Response Class funded by the St. Louis County Hazmat Team and LEPC.

A brief discussion was held.

The Board did not hold a vote.

**J. Career and Pathway through First Responders Camp**

Fire Chief Barthelmass informed the Board that District will be assisting with a First Responders Camp at Beaumont Scout Camp in August. The goal of the camp is to expose youth about careers in public safety.

A brief discussion was held.

The Board did not hold a vote.

**G. Variance**

Fire Marshal Pallarito presented to the Board the variance request from R&W Outdoor Equipment to use the fire hydrant located at the East side of NB West Contracting, 18637 Old Highway 66, Pacific, MO 63069 for fire flow protection since it did not have adequate fire flow to the property. It was reported that the hydrant use had been approved by the City of Pacific. Fire Marshal Pallarito reported that the fire hydrant is approximately five-hundred (500 ft) from the new addition at R&W Outdoor Equipment 18601 Old Highway 66, Eureka, Missouri and will provide 1000 gallons of water per minute.

A general discussion was held.

Thereafter, on motion duly made by Director Brown, seconded by Director Mathison, and unanimously adopted, the Board approved the variance.

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 Brown, seconded by Director Mathison, 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 610.021(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/or 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 6:39 p.m. and a Closed meeting was held.

**RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION**

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 7:02 pm.

**THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT NO  
OFFICIAL VOTES OR OFFICIAL ACTIONS WERE TAKEN  
BY THE BOARD IN CLOSED SESSION AT THE MARCH 11, 2025 MEETING.**

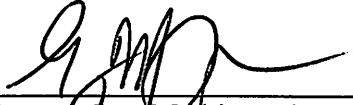
**X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

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, March 11, 2025 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 1903 hours (7:03 p.m.).

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory Lee Mathison, Secretary,  
Board of Directors

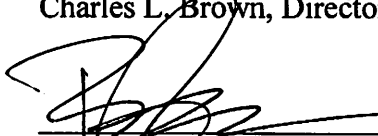
Approved:



03/25/2025

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Charles L. Brown, Director                      Date



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Patrick Feder, Director                      Date



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Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.                      Date