

**TWELVE HUNDRED AND NINETY SIXTH (1296TH) MEETING  
OF THE  
EUREKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
ST. LOUIS AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES  
STATE OF MISSOURI**

**September 12, 2023**

**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, September 12, 2023, 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 -

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 any and all 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.

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

The Chairman inquired as to whether or not there were any amendments to the Tentative Agenda for the meeting. Chief Brown reported the following additions to the tentative agenda:

**III. Pension Issues: none.**

**IV. Communications:** none.

**V. Public Comments:** 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 as per copy attached to these Minutes and with the amendments.

**I. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

The Chairman next called for acceptance or rejection of meeting Minutes for the August 22, 2023 Board of Director meetings.

The Minutes of the August 22, 2023 meetings of the Board of Directors were presented for review, modification, or approval.

Following discussion, and on motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Mathison, the approval of the Minutes of the August 22, 2023 meetings of the Board of Directors 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 Patrick Feder	- Aye
Director Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

**II. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. CPSE**

Representatives from CPSE attended the meeting and made a brief presentation to the Board. They reported that the interviews held with the public indicated that the public had a very good opinion of the District and they also stressed that it was a very good sign as to how many members of the public agreed to participate.

### **III. PENSION BOARD**

#### **A. Transfer of Funds from Market Linked CD to Statagic Income Opportunities Fund**

Deputy Chief Stamberger provided the Boardan update on the previously Board authorized Pension Fund funds transfer in the amount of \$1,007,755.42 from the Market Linked CD to the John Hancock Statagic Income Opportunities Fund. He reported that the District received the check on September 5, 2023 and that it was deposited into the pension account at FMB Bank. He reported that a pension check will be sent to John Hancock with directions to deposit the funds into the John Hancock Statagic Income Opportunities Fund.

A general discussion was held.

### **IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman next called for discussion of Communications.

#### **A. Red Cross Recognition**

Chief Brown presented to the Board the Certificate of Recognition from the American Red Cross for collecting 179 units of blood in 2022.

#### **B. Letter for State Auditor's Office**

Chief Brown provided a copy to the Board of the letter from the Missouri State Auditor's office acknowledging receipt of the District's 2022 audit report.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Chairman next called for Public Comments.

No items presented.

### **VI. SHOP STEWARD REMARKS**

Shop Steward Virgil Davis not attended the meeting via zoom and provided information to the Board of the Shop's Home Run Derby fundraiser on October 1, 2023 at 2:00 pm during Eureka Days.

## **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  
September 12, 2023**

“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, September 12, 2023, 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
Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

### **B. 2023 Tax Rate Hearing**

Chief Brown updated the Board on the assessment numbers from St. Louis County and informed the Board that he is planning to have the tax rate hearing at the meeting on September 26, 2023 at 5:30 pm unless the time and date was a problem for the Board. The Board agreed that September 26, 2023 was acceptable to have the tax rate hearing. Chief Brown informed the Board that the District will advertise the date and time of the

tax rate hearing.

**C. New Truck Prepayment Options/Sullivan Bank CD**

Chief Brown reviewed with the Board the accepted bid from Rosenbauer in the amount of \$1,059,154.00, less trade-in credit of \$70,000. The bid provided a 90% prepayment credit of \$34,793, but Chief Brown surveyed interest rates from local banks and determined that the District could invest \$1.1 million into a certificate of deposit for 13 months at Sullivan Bank at the rate of 5.35. He reported that the CD investment will yield \$60,179 (without compounding) and recommended that the District invest the money rather prepay 90% to Rosenbauer. He also reminded the Board that the estimated build time for the new truck is currently 660 days or 22 months.

A general discussion was held.

After discussion, Director Brown made a motion to authorize Chief Brown to invest \$1.1 million into a 13-month CD at Sullivan Bank at the interest rate of 5.35%, and Director Mathison seconded the motion. Chief Brown requested that the motion be amended to also include that the signature card for the CD shall be the 3 Directors and the Fire Chief (Chief Brown), and that the Board authorize the Fire Chief (Chief Brown) to handle the invested and sign any necessary documents for the bank, with copies being provided to the Board. Director Brown stated that his motion was amended to include Chief Brown's comments, and Director Mathison seconded the amended motion.

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

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

The Chairman then called the next item on the agenda: Old Business.

No items presented to the Board.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**A. Open Sealed Bids for 2019 Chevy Tahoe**

The Chairman next called for the presentation of any sealed bids for the sale of surplus District property – the 2019 Chevy Tahoe – and Chief reported that no bids were submitted to the District.

A general discussion was held. District staff informed the Board that they will sell the unit at an auction house unless a sufficient bid is submitted prior to the auction sale.

Following discussion, and on motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Mathison, the Board authorized the sale of the 2019 Chevy Tahoe at public auction unless the District receives a sufficient bid prior to the public auction sale.

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

**B. Junior Firefighter Candidates**

Chief Brown presented the recommendation from Brad Trower to add Christian Base and Aidan Beckman to the District's Junior Firefighter program.

Following discussion, and on motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Mathison, the Board approved the addition of Christian Base and Aidan Beckman to the District's Junior Firefighter program.

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

**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.

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 6:00 p.m. and a Closed Meeting was held.

### **RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION**

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 6:10 pm.

THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED WHILE IN CLOSED SESSION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR LEWIS ROAD PROPERTY AND TO AUTHORIZE CHIEF BROWN TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

THE CHAIRMAN HEREBY STATED THAT NO OFFICIAL VOTES OR OFFICIAL ACTIONS WERE TAKEN BY THE BOARD IN CLOSED SESSION AT THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 CLOSED MEETING REQUIRING A ROLL CALL VOTE.

**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 shall be held Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 1730 hours, Fire Station 1, Meeting Room, 4849 Highway 109, Eureka Fire Protection District, Eureka, Missouri.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the Chairman adjourned the general public meeting of the Board of Directors at 1811 hours (6:11 p.m.).



