

**MINUTES OF THE  
TWELVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHTH (1278TH) MEETING  
OF THE  
EUREKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
ST. LOUIS AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES  
STATE OF MISSOURI**

**November 22, 2022**

**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 22, 2022, at 1730 hours (5:30 p.m.). At the above time and place there were present:

**ROLL**

Charles L. Brown	-- Treasurer and Director - via telephone
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 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 Feder 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 aforementioned amendments.

**I. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

The Chairman called for acceptance or rejection of meeting Minutes for the November 8, 2022 Board of Director meetings.

The Minutes of the November 8, 2022 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 November 8, 2022 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 Pat Feder	- Aye
Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

## **II. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Shield Presentation to Adam Schmitt**

Chief Brown informed the Board that Firefighter Adam Schmitt had successfully completed his two (2) years of probation. Chief Brown delivered a firefighter helmet shield to the Chairman. The Chairman then presented to Firefighter Adam Schmitt his firefighter shield.

The Board and the fellow District employees present offered congratulations to Firefighter Schmitt.

## **III. PENSION BOARD**

No items were presented.

## **IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman next called for discussion of Communications.

### **A. Letter of Resignation**

Chief Brown presented to the Board for review the letter of resignation from Dalton Voyles and informed the Board that he accepted a position with West County Fire and EMS.

Director Brown made a motion to accept the resignation letter, 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 Pat Feder	- Aye
Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Chairman next called for Public Comments.

No items presented.

## **VI. SHOP STEWARD REMARKS**

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

Shop Steward Davis attended the meeting and thanked the District for negotiating the new CBA. He reported that as soon as the Board approves the final draft and signs the document, that he will transport the contract to the Union Hall for the appropriate signatures from Local 2665.

## **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 22, 2022**

“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 22, 2022, 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 Budget Revisions**

Chief Brown presented the revised draft of the 2023 budget revisions to the Board for review based upon the changes to the new CBA. He stated that the draft was only for the Board to review at this time.

A general discussion was held.

A vote was not held.

**C. New Radio Purchase**

Chief Brown presented to the Board a contract for review and approval for the purchase of new portable radios to stay up-to-date with county-wide communications. He reported the contract was negotiated by St. Louis County for a county-wide purchasing group and offers a significant discount. He reported that the deadline for the District to sign and submit the contract is December 9, 2022. The total cost for the radios was stated to be \$414,902.95 and it was reported that it was a budgeted capital expenditure item.

A general discussion was held.

Director Brown made a motion to approve the contract, 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 Pat Feder - Aye  
Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr. - Aye

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

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

**A. Two (2) Open Positions**

Chief Brown advised the Board that the District had advertised for resumes and applications for two (2) new full-time firefighters.

A general discussion was held.

A vote was not held.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**A. Reserve Candidates**

Assistant Chief Barthelmass presented to the Board an approved list of 2 candidates for the District Reserve class:

Mitchell Westbrook

Ren Witte

Following discussion, and on motion by Director Brown to approve the Reserve class recommendations, seconded by Director Mathison, the motion 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 Patrick Feder	- Aye
Director Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

**B. Department of Public Safety matching grants**

Chief Brown advised the Board that the District wanted to apply for two (2) matching grants through the Missouri Department of Public safety in the amount of \$20,000 each. The first grant request will be for wildfire brush gear and the second grant request will be for Lucas devices for the trucks.

A general discussion was held.

After discussion, Director Brown made a motion to approve the grant requests, 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
Director Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

**C. Woodard Donations**

Chief Brown informed the Board the Woodard Restoration made a \$2,500 donation to the District for fire prevention and a \$1,000 donation to the District for the junior firefighter program.

**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 6:01 p.m. and a Closed Meeting was held.

### **RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION**

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 6:20pm.

THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT NO OFFICIAL VOTES OR OFFICIAL ACTIONS WERE TAKEN BY THE BOARD IN CLOSED SESSION.

### **X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

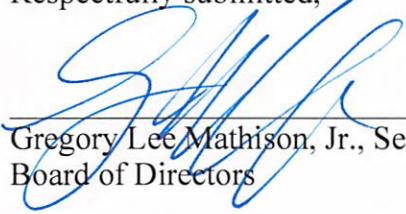


Therefore, there being no other or further business to come before the Board, the Chairman stated that the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 1730 hours, Fire Station 1, Meeting Room, 4849 Highway 109, Eureka Fire Protection District, Eureka, Missouri.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the Chairman adjourned the general public meeting of the Board of Directors at 1839 hours (6:39 p.m.).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr., Secretary  
Board of Directors

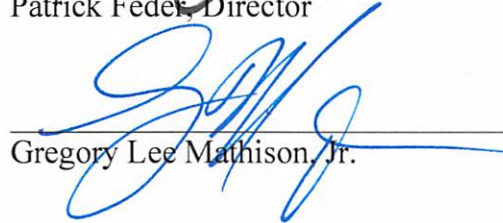
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Charles L. Brown, Director

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Patrick Feder, Director

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