

**THIRTEEN HUNDRED and FORTY-FIFTH (1345th) MEETING  
OF THE  
EUREKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
ST. LOUIS AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES  
STATE OF MISSOURI**

**September 8, 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 Monday, September 8, 2025, at 1830 hours (6:30 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:

**II. Presentations:** none

**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 Mathison and seconded by Director Brown the Tentative Agenda was accepted as the Final Approved Agenda.

## **I. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES**

The Chairman called for the meeting minutes for the August 25, 2025 Open and Closed Meetings for review and approval by the Board.

Following discussion, and on motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Mathison, the minutes of the August 25, 2025 Open and Closed Meetings 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**

No items presented.

## **III. PENSION BOARD**

No items presented

## **IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman next called for the presentation of Communications.

### **A. Thank You Letter from St. Louis City**

Fire Chief Barthelmass presented a Thank You letter to the Board from St. Louis City Commissioner Dennis Jefferson for the District's support during the funeral of firefighter Lee Kraus.

A brief discussion was held.

### **B. Thank You Letter from St. Louis Children's Hospital**

Fire Chief Barthelmass presented a Thank You letter to the Board from St. Louis Children's Hospital for the District's support during its Camp Rhythm event.

A brief discussion was held.

### **C. Thank You Letter from St. Francis Church**

Fire Chief Barthelmass presented a Thank You letter to the Board from St. Francis Church for the Districts support of its St. Francis Meal Ministries and the serving of 162 meals.

A brief discussion was held.

## **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.

Shawn Merry attended the meeting and updated the Board on the Shop's clay shooting fundraiser. He offered statements in support of closing House #3 as a cost-cutting measure and to increase staff at House #1 and House #2.

## **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 Mathison, and seconded by Director Brown and the following Motion was unanimously adopted:

### **MOTION ADOPTING THE TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE EUREKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT September 8, 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, September 8, 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 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 next called before the Board was Old Business matters, The Chairman then requested the presentation of any Old Business.

### **A. Update on Moving Forward**

Fire Chief Barthelmass made a detailed presentation to the Board concerning options for the District to move forward after the failure of Prop F. He reviewed with the Board the historical call volume of House #3 over the past three (3) years. He reviewed the potential cost savings of closing House #3. He reviewed the impact that closing House #3 will have on the staffing levels at House #1 and House #2. He reviewed various projected financial information related to closing House #3.

A general discussion was held by the Board concerning the call volume of House #3 and the impact that closing House #3 may have on response time to the residents that live in the current House #3 service area.

An extended discussion was held.

The Board did not hold a vote.

### **B. Cash Flow Management - MOCAAT**

Fire Chief Barthelmass presented the resolution from MOCAAT to start the process for them to start researching methods to maximize the District's interest income and improve cash flow management. He reminded that Board that the District is not obligated to invest with MOCAAT and any research performed is free.

A general discussion was held.

Thereafter, Director Brown made a motion to approve the resolution and the motion was duly 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

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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

### **A. Eureka Days**

Fire Chief Barthelmass reviewed with the Board that Eureka Days is scheduled for October 3 through October 5.

A general discussion was held.

The Board did not hold a vote.

### **B. Tax Hearing**

Fire Chief Barthelmass requested that the Board set the annual tax rate hearing for September 22, 2025 at 6:30.

A general discussion was held.

Thereafter, Director Brown made a motion to approve the resolution and the motion was duly 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. Workers' Compensation**

Fire Chief Barthelmass informed the Board that MEM is not issuing new policies at the present time. He also informed the Board that MOFAD had announced a 10% reduction in premiums. He made a recommendation that the District renew its workers' compensation insurance with MOFAD. He reported that District staff will start researching workers' compensation carriers after the first of the year for next year's renewal.

A short discussion was held.

Thereafter, Director Mathison made a motion to approve the renewal and the motion was duly seconded by Director Brown.

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

**D. Charges for Treatment Without Transport**

Fire Chief Barthelmass and Deputy Chief Stamberger reported to the Board that an approximate \$252.00 is available for ambulance billing related to treatment-without transport calls. He reported that based upon 2024 EMS call records that 21% of EMS calls in 2024 resulted in treatment without any transportation. By charging \$252.00 for treatment without transportation, the District could yield an additional estimated \$112,000.00 a year for ambulance services.

A general discussion was held.

Thereafter, Director Mathison made a motion to approve the resolution and the motion was duly seconded by Director Brown.

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

**E. Bond Defeasance**

Fire Chief Barthelmass reported to the Board that Martin Ghafori at Stifle believed that they discovered a method to preserve the District's 0.1500 tax rate for debt payment and he requested that the Board execute the preliminary engagement letter to start the process. He reminded the Board that they is no fee unless the District proceeds to an actual defeasance.

A general discussion was held. Director Feder inquired as to what information allowed Martin Ghafori to change his mind and Fire Chief Barthelmass stated that he will contact Stifle and report back to the Board.

Thereafter, Director Brown made a motion to approve the engagement letter and the motion was duly 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

**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/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 8:35 p.m. and a Closed meeting was held.

#### **RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION**

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 8:53 p.m.

**THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT NO  
OFFICIAL VOTES OR OFFICIAL ACTIONS WERE TAKEN  
BY THE BOARD IN CLOSED SESSION AT THE SEPTEMBER 8, 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 was scheduled to be held on Monday, September 22, 2025 at 1830 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, Director Brown adjourned the general public meeting of the Board of Directors at 8:54 p.m.

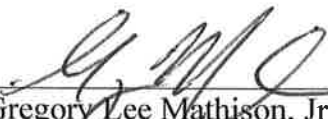
Respectfully submitted,

  
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Gregory Lee Mathison, Secretary,  
Board of Directors

Approved:

  
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Charles L. Brown, Director      09/22/25  
Date

  
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Patrick Feder, Director      9/22/25  
Date

  
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Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.      9-22-25  
Date