# MINUTES OF THE TWELVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY NINTH(1259th) MEETING OF THE

# EUREKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ST. LOUIS AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES STATE OF MISSOURI

#### **February 8, 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, February 8, 2022, at 1730 hours (5:30 p.m.). At the above time and place there were present:

#### **ROLL**

Charles L. Brown

Patrick Feder

Director Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.

-- Treasurer and Director

-- Chairman and Director

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. Assistant 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 aforementioned amendments.

# I. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

The Chairman called for acceptance or rejection of meeting Minutes for the January 25, 2022 and January 31, 2022 Board of Director meetings.

The Minutes of the January 25, 2022 and January 31, 2022 meetings of the Board of Directors were not 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 January 25, 2022 and January 31, 2022 meetings of the Board of Directors was tabled 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

None.

#### III. PENSION BOARD

# A. Signature for Plan Documents

Deputy Chief Stamberger presented to the Board the documents necessary to add Director Mathison as signatory on the District's Defined Contribution and Defined Benefit pension plans and Director Mathison signed the required documents.

# B. <u>Update on Stock Allocations</u>

Chief Brown and Deputy Chief Stamberger reviewed with the Board the changes that were made within the pension fund based upon the changes made after the January 31, 2022 pension board meeting. Specifically, the District avoided certain losses to the pension fund by reducing it's holdings in the tech industry. Deputy Chief Stamberger reported that the District timely transferred out of the Fundamental Investors into Dodge & Cox Fund as well as out of the Investment Company of America into the Vanguard Value Index fund.

#### IV. COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman next called for discussion of Communications.

# A. Email regarding Outstanding Life Saving work

Chief Brown presented to the Board the email from Holly Vitale, BSN, RN concerning an emergency medical response on 2/1/2022 by Firefighter/Paramedics Adam Schmitt, Adam Crank, and Austin Olendorff. As detailed in her email, the patient only complained of shortness of breath and right side chest pressure, but the crew diagnosed a suspected cardiac incident. It was later determined at the hospital that the patient had a 100% thrombotic occlusion of the right coronary artery. She thanked the crew and the District for the excellent emergency care to the patient.

A brief discussion was held.

#### 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.

No comments were presented.

#### 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 February 8, 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, February 8, 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
Director Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr. - Aye

#### B. 2022 Budget

Chief Brown presented to the Board a revised draft of the 2022 budget to the Board for review, but he discovered a numerical error and request that the final approval be delayed until the next meeting.

A general discussion was held concerning the 2022 budget.

No vote was held.

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

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

# A. COVID Operational Update

Chief Brown updated the Board as the current operations within the District in response to the current wave of COVID. He stated that indications are the things are improving, but the District remains at a Level III. He reported that the numbers of infection among the fire service have been declining in recent weeks.

#### B. Report on Winter Storm Response

Chief Brown provided a briefing to the Board concerning the modification to District operations during the recent winter storm. He reported the C crew reported early to work and the D crew stayed later than normal. Overall, he reported no problems and that overall calls declined to about 40% of normal.

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

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

# A. Sale of Surplus Property

Chief Brown requested authority from the Board to advertise for sale a 2014Tahoe with a minimum bid of \$10,500 and 2015 Tahoe with a minimum bid of \$8,500 as surplus District property.

A general discussion was held.

Following discussion, Director Brown made a motion to approve the advertisement and sale of the surplus property subject to public bidding, and Director Mathison seconded the 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

Director Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.

- Aye

#### **B.** CMS Reporting

Deputy Chief Stamberger updated the Board on ambulance billings and stated that overall collections have increased. He also informed the Board the 2022 Medicare audit scheduled for 2022 has been pushed back to 2023 due to COVID.

A brief discussion was held.

No vote was taken.

# **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 6:15 pm.

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, February 22, 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 1816 hours (6:16 p.m.).

Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.
Secretary,
Board of Directors

Approved:

Charles L. Brown, Director

Date

2/22/22

Patrick Feder, Director

Date

2-22-22

Gregory Lee Mathison,

Date