

**MINUTES OF THE
TWELVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SECOND(1262nd) MEETING
OF THE
EUREKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ST. LOUIS AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES
STATE OF MISSOURI**

March 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, March 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
Patrick Feder	-- Chairman and Director
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. Fire 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 March 8, 2022 Board of Director meetings.

The Minutes of the March 8, 2022 meetings of the Board of Directors were presented for review, modification, or approval.

Following discussion, and on motion by Director Mathison, seconded by Director Brown, the approval of the Minutes of the March 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
Director Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

II. PRESENTATIONS

None.

III. PENSION BOARD

A. Presentation of Actuary Report by Ekon Benefits

The actuary report for the District's pension plan was presented for review and discussion to the Board. Representatives from Ekon Benefits reviewed the fund's performance, contributions, distributions, and required funding levels for the past 12 months. Representatives from Ekon Benefits concluded that the pension fund is currently well-funded and attributed the favorable actuary report to the on-going contributions above required levels and better than expected fund performance. Ekon Benefits presented its written report to the Board and also addressed questions from the Board.

A general discussion was held.

Following discussion, Director Mathison made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the pension actuary report, and Director Brown 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	- Aye
Director Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman next called for discussion of Communications.

Nothing was presented to the Board.

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 Feder, and the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTION
ADOPTING THE TREASURER'S REPORT
OF THE
EUREKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
March 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, March 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
Director Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

B. Bond discussion

Martin Ghafoori attended the meeting and reviewed with the Board the proposal to issue the remaining \$2.1 million in general obligation bonds in order to avoid interest rate increases and additional costs if the bonds are issued later in 2022 or 2023. He reported that if the Board issued the approval to proceed, he could have all the documents prepared and have a target bond issuance date of May 10, 2022. He summarized that the benefit of proceeding to issue the bonds at this time will be to save the District money on future interest rates and expenses.

A general discussion was held.

Following discussion, Director Brown made a motion to approve the necessary steps to issue the remaining \$2.1 million in general obligation bonds, 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	- Aye
Director Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.	- Aye

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

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

A. SB 649 Discussion

Chief Brown reviewed with the Board the proposed legislation introduced in both the Missouri House of Representatives and the Missouri Senate to eliminate the personal property tax in certain Missouri counties, including St. Charles and St. Louis counties. Chief Brown reported that if such legislation becomes enacted that it would reduce the District's tax collections by 18%.

A general discussion was held. No vote was taken.

B. Award Bids for Station 3 Roof

The Chairman announced that the next item on the Agenda was to award the bids for the replacement of the Station 3 roof.

Battalion Chief Dempsey presented the committee's bid recommendation to the Board. He reported that all five (5) roofing companies submitted bids using the exact same roofing material and supplies. He stated that the committee reviewed all the bids and were surprised to see that all five (5) companies were using the exact same shingles and roofing material in their bids. Based upon a review of the bids, he stated that it was the committee's recommendation to award the bid to Eureka Contracting in the amount of \$37,300.00 since it was the lowest bid.

A general discussion was held. The Chairman stated that he had a concern that it was his understanding that the original bid submitted by Eureka Contracting was \$40,050.00 and he needed clarification as to how the current bid amount was lower. Director Mathison stated that he agreed and stated that he also had a concern that Eureka Contracting was allowed to change (lower) its bid.

Battalion Chiefs Dempsey and Callahan explained that Eureka Contracting, did not in fact, change it's bid. Upon review by the committee, it was discovered that Eureka Contracting also included in it's bid an amount of \$3,750.00 for new gutters and gutter installation. Battalion Chiefs Dempsey and Callahan stated that the request for bids and bid specification did not include any gutter installation and the committee deleted that portion of the bid in the amount of \$3,750.00 as not qualified services for the net bid amount of \$37,300.00.

Director Mathison stated that he wanted the record to be clear that there was not any post-bid communications with Eureka Contracting in order to get a lower bid, and Chairman Feder stated that he felt the same way. Battalion Chief Dempsey and Callahan confirmed that the only post-bid communication with Eureka Contracting was a brief telephone call to clarify the warranty period for the roofing material and there was no other discussion of the bid and the bid documents did not change in any manner. They confirmed that the committee merely deleted \$3,750.00 from the original bid which represented the removal of the line item option for gutter replacement and this resulted in the final bid amount of \$37,300.00.

A further discussion was held.

Following discussion, Director Mathison made a motion to award the roofing bid to Eureka Contracting in the amount of \$37,300.00, and Director Brown 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	- 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.

No items presented.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

Thereafter, on motion duly made by Director Feder, 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/oe 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 7:16 p.m. and a Closed Meeting was held.

RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 7:22 pm.

THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT VOTES WERE HELD WHILE IN CLOSED MEETING.

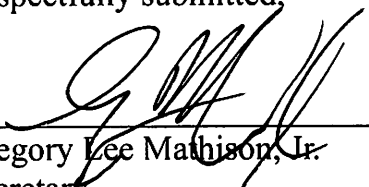
X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

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 shall be held on Tuesday, April 8, 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 1923 hours (7:23 p.m.).

Respectfully submitted,

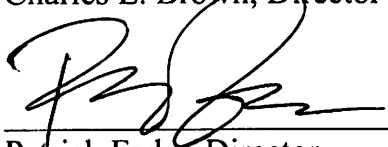


Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr.
Secretary,
Board of Directors

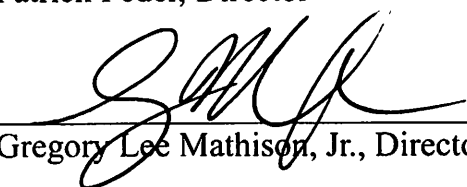
Approved:



Charles L. Brown, Director 04/12/22
Date



Patrick Feder, Director 4/12/22
Date



Gregory Lee Mathison, Jr., Director 4-12-22
Date