

# **BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**October 21, 2020**

The Board of Directors of the Boone County Fire Protection District met on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 5:30 PM, at the Administration Office located at 2201 I-70 Drive NW, Columbia, Missouri. Those present were: Chairman Dave Shorr, Board Member John Sam Williamson, Board Member David Ritchie, Board Member Bill Watkins, Board Member Jay Turner, Attorney Jeff Parshall, Fire Chief Scott Olsen, Assistant Chief Chuck Leake, Bureau Director Gale Blomenkamp, Bureau Director Bryant Gladney, Battalion Chief Chuck Doss and Bureau Director Shawna Schnieders.

Chairman Shorr called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

A motion was made by Board Member Williamson to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Board Member Watkins. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken:

- Board Member David Ritchie – Yes
- Board Member John Sam Williamson – Yes
- Board Member Jay Turner - Yes
- Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes
- Chairman Dave Shorr – Yes

Chairman Shorr called for public comment. No public comment.

A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to approve the September 13, 2020 Emergency Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Board Member Williamson. No further discussion. A roll call was taken:

- Board Member David Ritchie – Yes
- Board Member Jay Turner – Yes
- Board Member John Sam Williamson – Yes
- Board Member Bill Watkins – Abstained (not in attendance)
- Chairman Dave Shorr – Yes

A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to approve the September 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Board Member Ritchie. No further discussion. A roll call was taken:

- Board Member David Ritchie – Yes
- Board Member Jay Turner – Yes
- Board Member John Sam Williamson – Yes
- Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes
- Chairman Dave Shorr – Yes

A motion was made by Board Member Turner to approve the October 7, 2020 Special Open Board Minutes. Motion was seconded by Board Member Watkins. No further discussion. A roll call was taken:

- Board Member David Ritchie – Yes
- Board Member Jay Turner – Yes
- Board Member John Sam Williamson – Yes
- Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes
- Chairman Dave Shorr – Yes

Board Member John Sam Williamson presented the September, 2020 Financials. The September, 2020 Financials were accepted as distributed.

Fire Chief Olsen gave an update on the COVID 19 pandemic as it pertains to the Fire District.

Fire Chief Olsen stated that due to the Holiday Inn Executive Center closing its doors, the discussion was had by staff to either continue with the Firefighter Appreciation Banquet or cancel for this year. We have been notified by Holiday Inn Executive Center that we can cancel without penalty at this time. Staff believes it would be appropriate to cancel for this year due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Fire Chief Olsen stated that we had advertised for the open positions. We have started the interview process for the training positions, interviewing 10 applicants on September 16, 2020. We have received 23 for Recruitment and Retention positions, 21 for the Division Coordinator of Training (Fire) and 17 for the Division Coordinator of Training (EMS). Staff would like to offer positions to Norm Hinkle and Joey Rimel for the two Division Coordinator of Training positions.

A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to authorize the Fire Chief to offer a training division coordinator position to Norman Hinkle at a maximum of Step 5 of Exempt 1 pay band as a Captain and to offer moving assistance. Motion seconded by Board Member Williamson. No further discussion was held. A roll call vote was taken:

- Board Member David Ritchie – Yes
- Board Member Jay Turner – Yes
- Board Member John Sam Williamson – Yes
- Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes
- Chairman Dave Shorr – Yes

A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to authorize the Fire Chief to offer a training division coordinator position to Firefighter Joey Rimel at a Step 1 of Exempt 1 pay band. Motion seconded by Board Member Williamson. No further discussion was held. A roll call vote was taken:

- Board Member David Ritchie – Yes
- Board Member Jay Turner – Yes
- Board Member John Sam Williamson – Yes
- Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes
- Chairman Dave Shorr – Yes

Bureau Director Schnieders stated that we are putting fiber at two of our Stations and we need agreements for this service. A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to approve agreements as presented for Stations 12 and 14 with Tranquility Internet to provide fiber for the associated stations and authorize the chairman to sign. Motion was seconded by Board Member Williamson. No further discussion. A roll call was taken:

- Board Member David Ritchie – Yes
- Board Member Jay Turner – Yes
- Board Member John Sam Williamson – Yes
- Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes
- Chairman Dave Shorr – Yes

Fire Chief Olsen stated that he would like to promote Division Coordinator Elli Corcoran to a Division Manager due to her completion of three years of service with the Fire District, as well as, her completion of her Master's degree and is currently managing the paramedic (ALS) training program. A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to authorize the promotion of Division Coordinator Elli

Corcoran to Division Manager of ALS at a Step 1 of the Step 2 pay band. Motion seconded by Board Member Williamson. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member David Ritchie – Yes

Board Member Jay Turner – Yes

Board Member John Sam Williamson – Yes

Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes

Chairman Dave Shorr – Yes

A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to accept the Rock Community Ambulance Paramedic Agreement, SSM and the CRMC Agreements as presented. Motion was seconded by Board Member Ritchie. No further discussion. A roll call was taken:

Board Member David Ritchie – Yes

Board Member Jay Turner – Yes

Board Member John Sam Williamson – Yes

Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes

Chairman Dave Shorr – Yes

Motion by Board Member Shorr to adjourn open session at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by:

Shawna R. Schnieders  
Administrative Services Bureau Director

David Shorr  
Chairman