

# **BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**January 18, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Boone County Fire Protection District met on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 4:00 PM, at the Administration Office located at 2201 I-70 Drive NW, Columbia, Missouri. Those present were: Chairman Sam Williamson, Board Member Bill Watkins, Board Member David Ritchie, Board Member Jay Turner, Attorney Jeff Parshall, Fire Chief Scott Olsen, Deputy Chief Doug Westhoff, Battalion Chief Kurt Doolady, Battalion Chief Clint Walker, Recruit and Retention Manager Ryan Benedict, Bureau Director Shawna Schnieders, and Bureau Director Gale Blomenkamp.

Board Member Watkins called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

A motion was made by Board Member Turner to approve the agenda as amended to move the 2023 Bond Resolution first on the new business agenda and we will not be discussing Old Business tonight. Seconded by Board Member Ritchie. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Chairman Williamson called for public comment. No public comment.

A motion was made by Board Member Turner to accept the December 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Board Member Ritchie. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken:

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

A motion was made by Board Member Turner to accept the January 4, 2023 Special Open Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Board Member Ritchie. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Chairman John Sam Williamson presented the December, 2022 Financials. The December, 2022 Financials were accepted as distributed.

Chief Olsen stated that our bills had been prefiled and legislative session has started.

Bureau Director updated the board on the apparatus purchases. He stated that final inspection for the Tankers was expected in February, 2023 and that midpoint for the Engines would be April, anticipating delivery in July, 2023.

Bureau Director Blomenkamp stated that we had received verbal commitments on easements for the Station 8 property and that Crockett Engineering is working through those currently.

The matter of calling an election on a general obligation bond question came on for consideration. Board Member Ritchie introduced a resolution entitled as follows:

**A RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION ON A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND QUESTION IN BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.**

**Shall Boone County Fire Protection District, Boone County, Missouri, issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$8,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring real property; constructing, improving, renovating, repairing, furnishing and equipping new and existing fire stations and additions thereto; and acquiring fire trucks, vehicles and other firefighting and emergency apparatus, equipment and communication systems and technology?**

Motion seconded by Board Member Watkins. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member David Ritchie – Yes

Acting Chairman John Sam Williamson – Yes

Board Member Jay Turner - Yes

Board Member Bill Watkins - Yes

Bureau Director Blomenkamp that in November the board had approved the purchase of a Ford F550 utilizing SEMA funds. This truck will need the Knapheide body to complete this purchase. We received notice we would receive the truck prior to June, so we would like to purchase the Knapheide truck bed at the current price of \$19,358.63. A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to authorize the purchase of the Knapheide body in the amount of \$19,358.63 as a sole source purchase. Motion seconded by Board Member Turner. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member David Ritchie – Yes

Acting Chairman John Sam Williamson – Yes

Board Member Jay Turner - Yes

Board Member Bill Watkins - Yes

A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to authorize the payment of purchase order 2022-1416 to RingCentral in the amount of \$17,388.59 for the annual telephone service for the District Office. Motion seconded by Board Member Ritchie. No further discussion was held. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member David Ritchie – Yes

Acting Chairman John Sam Williamson – Yes

Board Member Jay Turner - Yes

Board Member Bill Watkins - Yes

Recruit and Retention Manager Ryan Benedict presented two additional members for the 2023-1 BCFPD Recruit Class, Taylor Young and Jake Koester. A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to authorize membership to Taylor Young and Jake Koester. Motion seconded by Board Member Ritchie. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member David Ritchie – Yes

Acting Chairman John Sam Williamson – Yes

Board Member Jay Turner - Yes

Board Member Bill Watkins - Yes

Fire Chief Olsen presented Thomas Schnohardt for re-entry membership at Station 9. A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to authorize membership to Thomas Schnohardt. Motion seconded by Board Member Ritchie. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member David Ritchie – Yes

Acting Chairman John Sam Williamson – Yes

Board Member Jay Turner - Yes

Board Member Bill Watkins - Yes

Program Manager Kurt Doolady presented an additional member for the 2023-1 MO-TF1 Recruit Class, Ryan Benedict and a re-entry membership for Karl Brown. A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to authorize membership Ryan Benedict and Karl Brown. Motion seconded by Board Member Ritchie. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Bureau Director Blomenkamp presented two new members for the Boone County Fire Protection District Pipes and Drums. A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to authorize membership of Rebecca Cook and Matthew Burchett . Motion seconded by Board Member Ritchie. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Board Member Watkins introduced Board Member Candidate Mike Teel. The Board of Directors interviewed Mr. Teel.

A motion was made to enter into closed session as allowed in RSMO 610.021 (1), (2) or (3) by Board Member Williamson. Motion seconded by Board Member Ritchie. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Fire Chief Olsen stated that staff had interviewed Todd Johnson for the Open Logistics Position on January 17, 2023. The position has been unfilled since May, 2022. Fire Chief Olsen stated he would like authorization to offer Todd Johnson the Logistics Specialist Position as an 80/20 split at an Exempt Level 3 Step 7. A motion was made by Board Member to authorize the Fire Chief to offer the Logistics Specialist position to Todd Johnson as an 80/20 split at an Exempt Level 3 Step 7. A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to authorize membership of nd . Motion seconded by Board Member Ritchie. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member David Ritchie – No  
Acting Chairman John Sam Williamson – Yes  
Board Member Jay Turner - Yes  
Board Member Bill Watkins - Yes

A motion to adjourn closed session was made by Board Member Watkins. Motion was seconded by Chairman Williamson. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Chairman Williamson adjourned open session at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by:

Shawna R. Schnieders  
Administrative Services Bureau Director

John Sam Williamson  
Chairman