

# **BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**March 15, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Boone County Fire Protection District met on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 5:30 PM, at the Administration Office located at 2201 I-70 Drive NW, Columbia, Missouri. Those present were: Chairman Sam Williamson, Board Member Jay Turner, Board Member Michelle Motley, Attorney Jeff Parshall, Fire Chief Scott Olsen, Deputy Chief Doug Westhoff, Battalion Chief Kurt Doolady, Battalion Chief Clint Walker, Bureau Director Shawna Schnieders, and Bureau Director Gale Blomenkamp.

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

A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Board Member Motley. 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 Michelle Motley - Yes
- Board Member Bill Watkins - Yes

Chairman Williamson called for public comment. No public comment.

A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to accept the January 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Board Member Turner. 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 Michelle Motley – Abstained (Not member yet)
- Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes

A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to accept the January 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes, with the correction the hiring of Todd Johnson David Ritchie voted yes. Seconded by Board Member Turner. 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 Michelle Motley - Abstained
- Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes

A motion was made by Board Member Turner to accept the January 20, 2023 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 Michelle Motley - Abstained
- Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes

A motion was made by Board Member Ritchie to accept the January 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Board Member Turner. 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 Michelle Motley - Abstained
- Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes

A motion was made by Board Member Motley to accept the February 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Board Member Turner. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Chairman John Sam Williamson presented the February, 2023 Financials. The February, 2023 Financials were accepted as distributed.

Chief Olsen stated our state USERRA will be heard in committee in both the House and Senate. Tom Rackers reported that Curtis Gregory will be putting in our \$1.2 Million request for equipment needs and supplies and made whole our \$550,000 for the training.

Bureau Director Blomenkamp updated the board on the apparatus purchases. We received two tankers last week and will be picking up the remaining two tankers on Tuesday, March 21. Staff will be going to Minnesota to do a final inspection on three of the engines on April 10, with the anticipation of receiving some of the engines the end of April, 2023. This is a few months ahead of schedule.

Fire Chief Olsen stated that Kip Kendrick is getting appraisals completed on the five acres at the Training Center, Station 5 and another piece of property.

Bureau Director Schnieders stated that PO 2023-0219 in the amount of \$17,698.90 was for a portion of our MO-TF1 Health and Wellness triennial physicals. A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to authorize the expenditure to JC Total Health on PO 2023-0219 in the amount of \$17,698.90 as presented. Motion seconded by Board Member Motley. 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 Michelle Motley - Yes  
Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes

Bureau Director Schnieders stated that PO 2023-0182 in the amount of \$14,800.00 was for a portion of our MO-TF1 Health and Wellness recruit physicals. A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to authorize the expenditure to JC Total Health on PO 2023-0182 in the amount of \$14,800.00 as presented. Motion 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 Michelle Motley - Yes  
Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes

Bureau Director Schnieders stated that PO 2023-0231 in the amount of \$13,587.00 was for a portion of our MO-TF1 Health and Wellness triennial physicals. A motion was made by Board Member Motley to authorize the expenditure to JC Total Health on PO 2023-0231 in the amount of \$13,587.00 as presented. Motion seconded by Board Member Watkins. 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 Michelle Motley - Yes  
Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes

Bureau Director Blumenkamp discussed the Station 8 sewer fees. Attorney Parshall, Bureau Director Blumenkamp and Director Shorr went to the City Council meeting and asked for a waiving of fees in February, 2022. The vote at the City Council was in favor to waive the fees, however, the City Council did not make a separate ordinance to waive the fees, as we are now told. Therefore, they will no longer waive the fees. For a 1 1/2" connection the cost will be \$12,000. In order, to move forward with our property and plan we must pay the \$12,000 in order to get building permits, sewer, etc. A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to authorize the payment of fees up to \$12,000 for the sewer line to the City of Columbia in order to start the process. Motion was 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 – No  
Board Member Michelle Motley - Yes  
Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes

Bureau Director Schnieders stated that PO 2023-0224 in the amount of \$14,970.56 was for a HazMat Training Simulator utilizing SEMA 2023 funds. A motion was made by Board Member Turner to authorize the expenditure to AllSafe Industries, Inc in the amount of \$14,970.56 as presented. Motion seconded by Board Member Motley. 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 Michelle Motley - Yes  
Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes

A motion was made by Board Member Motley to authorize the paramedic agreement with Macon County Ambulance District as presented. Motion was seconded by Board Member Watkins. 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 Michelle Motley - Yes  
Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes

A motion was made by Board Member Watkins to authorize the paramedic agreement with University City Fire Department as presented. Motion was seconded by Board Member Motley. 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 Michelle Motley - Yes  
Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes

Bureau Director Schnieders stated this is the Knapheide bed which was initially approved in the January 18, 2023. However, an addition was needed to change the height for the resessed hitch, of the truck bed at the cost of \$888.00 additional. A motion was made by Board Member Turner to authorize the purchase of the Knapheide bed addition in the amount of \$888.00, with a total cost not to exceed \$20,246.63. Motion was 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 Michelle Motley - Yes  
Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes

Fire Chief Olsen stated that Command 2 was donated to us by the Red Cross. We utilized it as a command unit. It is not utilized and staff believes it would be best donated to The Stair Climb Organization. It will be utilized as a command post for them during the events that the Stair Climb sponsors. In accordance with disposition policy, the board must approve any a value over \$2,500, the estimated value of Command 2 is \$5,000. Motion made by Board Member Watkins to authorize the donation of Command 2 to The Stair Climb Organization. Motion seconde by Board Member Motley. 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 Michelle Motley - Yes

Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes

Fire Chief Olsen stated that we put out the 2023 bond issue information on Facebook, Twitter, the website and are currently doing some interviews with various talk shows and groups in the next few weeks. Signs will be put up in the next week or so.

Fire Chief Olsen gave a brief review of the draft of the annual report that Ryan Benedict has been working on over the last couple of months.

Chairman Williamson adjourned open session at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by:

Shawna R. Schnieders  
Administrative Services Bureau Director

John Sam Williamson  
Chairman