

BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

January 17, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Boone County Fire Protection District met on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 5:30 PM, at the Administration Office located at 2201 I-70 Drive NW, Columbia, Missouri. Those present were Chairman John Sam Williamson, Board Member Bill Watkins, Board Member David Ritchie, Board Member Jay Turner, Board Member Michelle Motley, Fire Chief Scott Olsen, Bureau Director Gale Blomenkamp, Bureau Director Chuck Leake, Battalion Chief Kurt Doolady, Division Manager Ryan Benedict, and Bureau Director Shawna Schnieders.

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

Board Member Motley made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Lieutenant Promotions and Policy Committee under new business. 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

Chairman Williamson called for public comment. Chairman Williamson introduced Connie Leipard who will be our new board member in April 2024.

Board Member Watkins made a motion to accept the December 20, 2023, open 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 – Yes
Board Member Bill Watkins – Yes

Board Member Turner made a motion to accept the January 3, 2024, open meeting minutes. Seconded by Board Member Motley. No further discussion. A roll call vote was taken:

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

Treasurer Bill Watkins presented the December 2023 Financials. The December 2023 Financials were accepted as distributed.

Assistant Chief Leake updated the board on the legislature and that they are currently back in session. The issue at hand is property taxes and the elimination of those taxes.

Assistant Chief Blomenkamp updated the board on the apparatus. E901 is ready to go in service, just need a break in the weather to do pump training. Hope to put it into service by the end of next week.

Station 8 – The kick-off meeting was held on January 10, 2024, between PW, CMS, and Staff. The initial project programming and review meeting was held on January 17, 2024. PW plans to provide initial drawings and designs for our next meeting which is scheduled for January 31. Chief Olsen and Chief Blomenkamp met with Station 8 Staff to review the programming, ideas, and thoughts on Monday, January 15. CMS will start tree removal in the next few weeks.

Station 5 – No further information has been given.

Bureau Director Schnieders stated that the RingCentral Purchase Order 2023-1256 is for our annual telephone VoIP service. Board Member Motley made a motion to authorize Purchase Order 2023-1256 with RingCentral for \$17,576.74. Board Member Watkins seconded the motion. 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

Division Manager Ryan Benedict presented additional members for the 2024-1 Recruit Eligibility List. Board Member Turner made a motion to authorize the membership to Tara Maynard to the 2024-1 Recruit Eligibility List. Board Member Ritchie seconded the motion. 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

Board Member Turner to authorize the membership of Jordan Weltha as a firefighter. Board Member Motley seconded the motion. 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 stated that in starting the policy review Michelle Motley and Connie Leipard will start working with staff to review and update. The policies will then be submitted to the board for official approval.

A motion was made by Board Member Watkins and invited Connie Leipard to attend, pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) personnel discussion. Motion seconded by Board Member Motley. 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
- Board Member Michelle Motley – Yes

Chief Olsen stated staff has interviewed about twenty-two members for Lieutenant promotions over the last four weeks. Discussion was held about those individuals interviewed.

Chief Olsen would like to request the movement of Stephen McLane to Station 3, Station Manager and Don Baker to Station 8, Station Manager. Board Member Watkins made a motion to authorize Stephen McLane as the Station 3 Station Manager. Motion seconded by Board Member Turner. 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
Board Member Michelle Motley – Yes

Board Member Watkins made a motion to authorize Don Baker as the Station 8 Station Manager. Motion seconded by Board Member Turner. 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
Board Member Michelle Motley – Yes

Board Member Watkins made a motion to adjourn the closed session at 7:19 PM. Motion seconded by Board Member Turner. 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
Board Member Michelle Motley – Yes

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved by:

Shawna R. Schnieders
Administrative Services Bureau Director

John Sam Williamson
Chairman