

**West Peculiar Fire Protection District
Station 1
200 South Main Street
Peculiar, MO 64078
Board of Directors Meeting
February 11, 2025**

Director Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Directors Crosby, Norman and Collins were present. Also, present was Chief Sperry, Battalion Chief Johnston, and Fire Marshal Randy Powers.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Director Collins made a motion to accept the agenda with flexibility. Chief Sperry recommended that Banking under the Treasurer's Report be tabled. Director Crosby seconded the motion with Chief Sperry's recommendations. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Minutes

Director Collins asked that the date be changed on the minutes from the 12th to the 14th (typo), with that change being made, Director Crosby made a motion to approve the January 14, 2024 minutes. Director Collins seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Director Norman gave the Treasurer's Report:

- A. Accounts Payable:** Accounts payable in the amount of \$ **665,466.02**.
- B. Transfers:** Chief Sperry read the transfers on January 30, 2025, \$1,500,000.00 was transferred from CBR Operating Checking into MOCAAT Fire Operations.
The other transfer was made on February 3, 2025, \$238,625.14 was transferred from MOCAAT Fire Operations into the Debt Service Fund.

Director Collins made a motion to approve accounts payable and the transfers as presented. Director Crosby seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Director Collins called for **Old Business**.

Old Business

A. Kitchen Project

Chief Sperry stated that the kitchen project was moving along he stated that he was not happy with how the floors had turned out and he had spoken with Patriot Coating, and they are coming back to fix them. He went on to state that he had purchased three refrigerators, and the cabinets were in and ready to be installed. Director Crosby stated that he had heard some unfavorable things about the company they had approved for the cabinet installation. A discussion took place over the reputation of Elite Construction.

Chief Sperry stated that he thought this was a lesson to the board, that when they chose not to hire an architect to do the kitchen remodel. He continued stating all the liability falls on the district and, in the future, they should think about all the work that goes into everything involved in getting bids, hiring companies and everything else involved in big projects such as this. The discussion continued about the installation of the cabinets.

Director Crosby made a motion not to proceed with the cabinet installation as previously electronically voted on and to look at other options for the installation of the kitchen cabinets. Director Norman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chief Sperry presented a request for board action to approve the purchase of granite counter tops. The RFP included three separate bids for countertops (attached). He stated that the recommendation for countertops was to go with Rocktops Kansas City.

Director Collins made a motion to purchase the granite countertops from Rocktops Kansas City as recommended. Director Crosby seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Sperry stated that there is another RFP in front of them for exterior wall repairs. He explained the bids he had obtained to the board and stated he still is waiting on some answers from Patriot Metal Works, and when he receives the answers he will send it out for an electronic bid.

B. Capital Equipment

Chief Sperry stated that the bathroom stalls / partitions had been installed by himself and Captain Nelson.

C. Station 1 Bathroom

Chief Sperry stated he had cover this under Capital Equipment, stating it is complete now.

Director Collins called for **New Business**.

New Business

A. Station 1 Exterior

Chief Sperry stated this was covered under the kitchen project.

B. Reaffirm Electronic Votes

1) **Kitchen Cabinets: 01/22/2025**

2) **Station 1 Bathroom Stalls/Partitions: 01/20/2025**

Chief Sperry explained that they will need to wait until the next meeting to reaffirm the two votes taken.

C. Operational Update

Battalion Chief Johnston stated that the call volume has remained steady, and he has all the MDTs installed and they are almost ready to have the crews start training on them. He stated that they are still working on getting the new ambulance in service, and are

close to having it there. Chief Sperry stated that he hopes to have Medic 3 ready to sell by the next meeting.

February Anniversary

PT: Jackson Popplewell - 3 years

The board thanked him for his service to the district.

Executive Session

Chief Sperry stated he had some personnel issues to discuss in executive session.

Director Crosby made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:37 p.m., Director Collins seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and went as follows: Crosby – yes, Collins – yes, Norman - yes.

A. Personnel

Director Collins made a motion to enter back into regular session at 8:09 p.m. Director Norman seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and went as follows: Crosby – yes, Collins – yes, Norman - yes.

There being no further business to discuss, Director Crosby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Director Collins seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED:

LeAnn Collins, President

Monte Crosby, Director

Robert Norman, Director