

WCFD Board Meeting

Date : Aug 26th, 2024

Location: Bay– Base 180

11321 Aboite Center Rd Ft Wayne, IN 46818

This meeting is a meeting of the West Central Fire District in public for the purpose of conducting the fire district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

Attendees

Garry Teegarden

Chuck Dwyer

Lance Dafforn- absent, last minute fire run

Mike Meyers

Chandler Branning

Other- Chief Gale Stelzer, Chris Perez

1. Call to Order/Welcome/ Pledge of Allegiance 6p

Board President Garry Teegarden thanks people for attending, explains the purpose of the meeting was directed by county council on 8/14/24 to fulfill a proper procedural process.

The oversight committee meeting on 8/23/24 included guidance from legal counsel for all districts to refer to the ODL , last updated March '22.

HEA 1167 to take effect summer 2025 , steps toward compliance of recording meetings will begin with the next meeting.

Public comments , also referred to at the oversight meeting, stressed congruence for all county districts. An excerpt from the ODL : the board is able to and needs to purvey public comment adherence.

2. Approval of minutes from WCFD board meeting date

1. Read bullet points of agenda items aloud

July 25th, 2024

August 1st, 2024

August 8th, 2024

3. Budget Update – Chris Perez

1. Line item for building construction/renovation
2. Line item for scoping agreement cost

Reason for this additional meeting: after the recent county council meeting, a County Council member advised that we have a meeting to discuss adding this line item to the budget to cover the cost of what we anticipate the new construction payment or renovation cost, would be. We will have money to get the process started and keep our budget on track, avoiding a drop in tax followed by an increase.

Recent released numbers are included in the packet to the board, the last page is the estimated revenues and tax rate.

Aug 15th, LIT was certified by the DGLF.

LIT \$1,066,858.00 million

NAV \$2,200,994,555.0

w/ 700,000 added into the budget = .267

With the recommended change, we needed another meeting for board approval.

C. Branning- This is pretty straightforward.

Part 2 of this :entering the scoping agreement, which we don't have yet, is a virtual meeting with the developer (BW, Pete Peterson, and the architect) Wednesday- we'll have a better understanding how to get started with scoping process. The details of what's included in it, what is needed from the district, what they will do for us. As long as we enter into an agreement, be it new construction or renovation, the scoping fee will be rolled in. If nothing is done and we must pay the scoping fee, having the money added to into the line item means the money is available. The ask tonight is for approval for 1. \$700,000 as well as to 2. enter (on a preliminary basis) a scoping agreement.

Motion to approve 1. Chuck Dwyer 2nd Mike Meyer all aye

C. Branning-scope is West central only or county, how long?

G. Teegarden- WCFD only; takes 2-3 months

M. Meyers- price could change?

C. Perez- once the BOT is entered into, there is a GMP, which covers any increases unless we submit a change order.

C. Branning- We're paying up to \$250,000?

G. Stelzer – if we decide not to do anything after he does the work of making the plans, he needs paid. We will own the plans/prints. County Council directing us to get the scope means we get something to show for taxpayer money, as opposed to nothing.

Motion to approve 2. Mike Meyer 2nd Chuck Dwyer

All in favor- aye

4. Tanker- Gale

We have to put it in the paper for a bid, called 3 manufacturers , none do HVAC.

Chuck Dwyer- tonight is to make funds available for when you get the tanker.

G. Stelzer- I want a good truck, off the line, not custom.

C. Branning- we have the money?

G. Stelzer- yes. We have a grant for \$350,000,.We need to spend \$40,000 (10%) to meet the terms of the grant. We need to have it by July '25. Could apply for an extension but it would cost money.

Motion to approve: Chandler Branning 2nd Chuck Dwyer

All in favor-aye

Gale- When I make headway , I'll email the trustees.

C. Branning- I have to work, can't make the 11a meeting with the developer. Can you send me a summary?

C. Perez- of course

Adjourn 6:36p

Motion to approve: C. Branning 2nd Chuck Dwyer

Secretary- Natalie Forbing