

Lake Egypt Fire Protection District
12228 Lake of Egypt Rd.
Marion, IL 62959

Board Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2024

Board President Richard George called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Roll Call showed the following members present: Richard George, Paul Melvin, Mark Dillon, Mike Conway, and William Heyde. A quorum was present.

Visitors signed the attendance sheet.

A reasonable amount of time was allowed for presentation of any petitions. None were presented.

The second meeting of the District Decennial Committee was called to order. Present were Trustees George, Melvin, Dillon, Conway, Heyde, and representatives of the District Leroy Pfaltzgraff and Janie Morris. Secretary Dillon reviewed the Decennial checklist and objectives. The following items were discussed:

- Chief Odum reviewed the District operations and facilities.
 - The current ISO rating is 8.
 - Multiple agencies dispatch the District.
 - The District utilizes the CAD system for response management.
 - The District is part of the MABAS response system.
 - The District has mutual aid agreements with several agencies, including the Air Evac.
 - The greatest need is workforce as the District operates 24/7 with 4 members on duty.
 - The water supply is the largest weakness in the District.
 - Approximately 80% of the calls are EMS.
- Reviewed the budget process and tax revenues.
 - The tax levy has been approved and filed.
 - The budget starts in July, planning will begin at the next meeting.
 - Large purchases are planned over multiple years due to the time required to fulfill the orders for apparatus'.
 - The District receives reimbursements from the State, which has helped increase revenue.
 - The District has had past success with receiving grants for purchases.
 - Discussed the 2% fund and it's use for improvements.
- The next Decennial meeting will be held on June 12, 2024 during the regular monthly Board meeting.

Action Items:

The Consent agenda was reviewed. Trustee Melvin asked about the expense to Ian's Truck Stop. Chief Odum stated is was for repair to the 5R65 ambulance. The \$1100 purchase to the Appliance Wizard was for a replacement washer as the existing stopped working. A motion was made by Mark Dillon and seconded by Paul Melvin to approve the consent agenda as proposed. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The incident report was provided and reviewed.

No travel requests were presented.

The Board Action Checklist was reviewed. Economic Interest Statements must be filed by May 1, 2024. Trustees are reminded to complete the annual Sexual Harassment Training as required by the State of Illinois.

Budget Line Items were reviewed. No revisions were proposed.

New Business:

No applicants were presented.

Discussed firefighter testing. Chief Odum stated the current testing has expired and would like to test the full-time list on May 11th. A motion was made by Mark Dillon and seconded by Bill Heyde to approve testing for firefighters on May 11, 2024 and to expend funds for posting. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Discussed the purchase a new gas grille and refrigerator with the use of the 2% funds. Chief Odum stated the existing grille was damaged in a recent storm and a 2nd refrigerator is needed for water. A motion was made by Bill Heyde and seconded by Paul Melvin to approve the purchase of a new gas grille for \$599.00 and a new refrigerator for \$499.00 using the 2% funds. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Chief Odum reviewed the damage to facilities from the recent tornado. Station 1 had damage to the roof membrane (7 cuts), window damage with interior wall damage, the propane tanks rolled off their mount and lost propane, the west entrance canopy was damaged, and the ongoing work to recoat the exterior of the building will require the building to be re-cleaned. Chief Odum stated bills have been coming in. The insurance adjuster has been to the site. The cost to remove downed trees is not covered by the policy. Station 4 has a partial roof loss, damaged overhead door, damaged a/c units, and the radio tower was downed. Chief stated he would review the expenditures with the attorney.

Discussed the full-time employee benefits. Chief Odum stated he has been comparing the District compensation packages with other departments and feels the District compensation is low. Trustee Dillon stated he would like to see analysis on the proposed rates and the affect on the operating budget/annual costs. No action was taken and the item was tabled to allow Chief Odum to prepare a proposal for compensation adjustments.

During comments, President George thanked Chief Odum for his leadership and commended all members for their work during the tornado. Chief Odum stated the insurance company would like to schedule a visit to review the insurance coverage. Trustee Dillon stated he is considering his retirement from the Board by the end of the calendar year.

At 9:23 p.m. the board meeting was adjourned. Motion was made by Bill Heyde and seconded by Paul Melvin. On a vocal vote, all members voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

President Dr. Rick George

Secretary Mark Dillon

