

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

Board Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2023

Board President Rick George called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call showed the following members present: Rick George, Paul Melvin, Mark Dillon, and Mike Conway. Trustee Micah Merrill was absent. A quorum was present.

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

Guests were introduced.

No Public Hearings or Petitions were brought forward. President George stated the public will be asked for input later in the meeting regarding the Energy Transition Grant.

Action Items:

The Consent agenda was reviewed. Chief Odum stated a CD had matured and was deposited into the checking account. A motion was made by Mike Conway and seconded by Paul Melvin to approve the consent agenda as proposed. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The incident report was provided by Chief Odum. Fire hazards are up, but overall calls are down from last year.

A travel request was presented for Robert Musolino to attend hazmat testing and class in Bedford Park, Illinois from May 8-12 and May 15-19. A motion was made by Mike Conway and seconded by Mark Dillon to approve the travel request. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The Board Action Checklist was reviewed. Mark Dillon stated he has not seen the official election results from the County Clerk. Newly elected members will be seated at the May meeting and Board positions elected. Also, the annual District Budget should be presented for preliminary review in the next couple of months.

Budget Line Items were reviewed. No items were presented.

Discussed the combining of personal time off and vacation time for full-time members. Mark Dillon stated the Board needs to review the proposed policy change at 2 meetings to be able to adopt the change. Chief Odum will present a draft policy at the May meeting. No action was taken and the item was tabled.

New Business:

No new applicants for consideration.

Discussed Board appointments to the Pension Board. A motion was made by Mark Dillon and seconded by Mike Conway to appoint Rick George and Mike Conway to the Pension Fund Board for 3-year terms. On a vocal vote, the members approved the motion.

Discussed the purchase of a 12-month CD for set aside for purchase of new apparatus. Chief Odum stated the new truck will not be ready until October or November. Paul Melvin asked about a 6-month CD. Chief will present options at the next meeting. This item was tabled.

Discussed purchase of a new tanker. Chief Odum stated the District has received a 2021 AFG grant for \$309,000.00. The grant is a reimbursement. Current tanker builds are 2 years out. Recent quote for new build was \$450,000.00. Chief stated a demo was quoted at \$383,000 and will be ready in November. Purchase would be through an approved buying group. A motion was made by Mark Dillon and seconded by Mike Conway to purchase a new tanker from the

SourceWell Buying Group and Banner Fire Equipment for \$383,826.00. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Discussed the purchase of a new ambulance. Chief Odum stated they have been working on specs for over 8 months. Current quote is \$347,711.76 and does not include load system or power cot. The manufacturer wants to demo the unit and will discount the cost \$6800 if allowed. The purchase would be through the Savvik Buying group, which the District is a current member with past purchase. The build will be 1 to 2 years, if a demo slot is open. A motion was made by Mike Conway and seconded by Paul Melvin to purchase a new ambulance from American Response Vehicle through the Savvik Buying Group in the amount of \$347,711.76. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Discussed the purchase of a new vehicle to replace Car 2. Chief Odum stated Car 2 has become high maintenance and would like to replace it using the State of Illinois CMS bid site. He has found a F150XL at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00. A motion was made by Paul Melvin and seconded by Mike Conway to purchase a F150XL from the CMS bid system to replace Car 2 at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 including all accessories. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Discussed disposition of unused equipment. Chief Odum stated no bids were received for Brush 3 and Tanker 5 and would like to modify the reserve amount to \$6,000.00. A motion was made by Mark Dillon and seconded by Mike Conway to set the reserve on Brush 3 and Tanker 5 at \$6,000 and accept sealed bids at the next meeting. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Discussed the purchase of a new mower. Chief Odum stated the current mower needs replaced. He has received a quote for a new Skag mower and it includes trade-in of the existing for \$8418.00. A motion was made by Mark Dillon and seconded by Paul Melvin to purchase a new Skag mower and trimmer for \$8,418.00, including trade-in of the existing equipment, with KB Outdoor Power. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Discussed proposed resolution for the Foreign Fire Insurance Board. President George stated the resolution is needed to approve changes in how the fee is assess and collected. Chief Odum stated the Illinois Municipal League has provided the draft language. A motion was made by Mike Conway and seconded by Paul Melvin to approve the proposed resolution of the Foreign Fire Insurance Board. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The approval of the master agreement with MABAS was tabled. Chief Odum stated he needs to review the documents.

The approval of bids for disposed equipment was tabled as no bids were received.

The approval of repairs to Station 1 was tabled. Chief Odum is working on having better bid documents created to insure the bids are equal in scope.

Discussed the Energy Transition Community Grant. Chief Odum stated the District is eligible for \$50,920 annually for up to 6 years due to the power plant closing. A project is needed and public input is requested. A member of the public was present and suggested the District utilize the grant to purchase the load system and power cot for the new ambulance. The Board thanked the public for it's comments and recommendations.

Discussed approval to construct a new concrete pad at Station 1. Chief Odum stated the new pad will be 40' by 40' with a 10' wide walkway connecting to the existing parking. The pad will be used for exercise and other training/duties that cannot be completed on the parking. The members will do the preparation, excavation and setting of rebar. The cost is estimated not to exceed \$15,000.00. A motion was made by Mark Dillon and seconded by Paul Melvin to approve expenditure of funds to construct a 40'x40' concrete pad with walkway at Station 1 at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The agenda item O under New Business was a duplicate. No additional action or discussion was made.

President George commented that the annual IAFFPD conference in Peoria is coming up mid-June. He also mentioned that the Board will need to form a Decenial committee at the next meeting.

Mark Dillon stated he would like to have a discussion on upgrading the lighting at Station 1 to LED and to see if there are any rebates available.

At 8:55 p.m. the board meeting was adjourned. Motion was made by Mark Dillon and seconded by Mike Conway. On a roll call vote, all members voted as follows: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Meeting adjourned.

President Dr. Rick George

Secretary Mark Dillon
