

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

Board Meeting Minutes from June 1, 2023

Board President Rick George called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Roll Call showed the following members present: Rick George, Mark Dillon, Paul Melvin, 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 that the seating of the newly elected Trustees occurs at this meeting, by statute. A motion was made by Paul Melvin and seconded by Mike Conway to seat William Heyde on the Board to a 6-year term to replace Micah Merrill. On a verbal vote, the motion passed unanimously. The Board contact information was updated and will be distributed.

A discussion was held regarding the election of Officers of the new Board. A motion was made by Mark Dillon and seconded by Mike Conway to re-elect the current Board Officers. On a verbal vote, the motion passed unanimously. Rick George will serve as President, Paul Melvin as Vice-President, Mike Conway as Treasurer, and Mark Dillon as Secretary.

The first meeting of the District Decennial Committee was convened. President George introduced the members of the Decennial Committee. The Committee includes the 5 Board Trustees and Chief Odum, and public representatives Leroy Pfaltzgraff, & Mary Jane Morris (absent). Mark Dillon reviewed the objectives of the committee. A motion was made by Mike Conway and seconded by William Heyde to accept the formation of the Decennial Committee and appoint Rick George as Committee Chair and Mark Dillon as committee secretary. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried. The timeline was reviewed for completion of the report (no longer than 18 months from the date of this meeting) and the objectives for review of the District operations and procedures. Mr. Pfaltzgraff complimented the District on its ability to respond to a diverse region of population over a large geographic area. Duties of each committee member were reviewed. The next meeting date will be established and members notified at a later date.

**Action Items:**

The Consent agenda was reviewed. Mark Dillon stated budget line item 5050 – Dues, Fees and Subscriptions was at 105%. Chief Odum stated he believes the cost for the recent annual conference were included in this line item and will need reassigned to the proper line item. 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 by Chief Odum.

No travel requests were presented.

The Board Action Checklist was reviewed. Secretary Dillon stated the budget hearing and approval is the next item to address on the list.

Budget Line Items were reviewed. A motion was made by Mark Dillon and seconded by Mike Conway to move \$5400 from line item 5030 and adding \$2200 to line item 5050 and \$2700 to line item 5090. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Reviewed the Master Agreement for MABAS. Chief Odum stated it needs signed at tonight's meeting. He will discuss the ordinance with the attorney. The agreement is the same agreement that was approved for previous years. President George asked about dues. Chief Odum stated \$380.00. A motion was made by Mike Conway and seconded by William Heyde to approve the Master Agreement with MABAS. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Discussed the repairs to Station 1. Chief Odum stated he is still waiting on the documents to obtain bids for the exterior work. The roof-top unit has been replaced, but waiting on the heat valve. The parking lot has been striped and all concrete placed.

**New Business:**

No new applicants for consideration.

Discussed the agreement for the annual audit. The agreement was reviewed. A motion was made by Mike Conway and seconded by Mark Dillon to approve the agreement with Hughes, Cameron, & Co. for the annual audit services in the amount of \$6,270.00 (not-to-exceed), \$2,530.00 (not-to-exceed) for the pension report, and \$405.00 (not-to-exceed) for receipts and disbursements. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Discussed raises for full-time employees and Chief Odum. Chief Odum stated the current CPI is 4.8% for the last 12 months. He is proposed a \$0.75 per hour raise for all full-time employees. He also stated that the current pay for part-time and paramedics is low compared to private companies. A motion was made by William Heyde and seconded by Paul Melvin to increase salary for full-time and Chief Odum by \$1.00 per hour, effective July 1, 2023.

Discussed liquidation of District assets. Chief Odum stated Tanker #4 needs liquidated. The F800 that was sold the Cave Eastern Fire District needs to be reclaimed by the District and he proposes exchanging the tanker to them. He has discussed this with Cave Eastern. A motion was made by Mark Dillon and seconded by Mike Conway to liquidate Tanker #4 to Cave Eastern FD in exchange for the F800 previously sold to them. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Chief Odum presented the tentative budget for FY 23/24. Chief Odum reviewed the line items. Mark Dillon proposed adjustments to some line times; increase Part-Time wages to \$120,000.00, increase Audit Expense to \$9,500.00, increase Dues, Fees and Subscriptions to \$20,000.00, and increase Meals and Expenses to \$20,000.00. A motion was made by Mark Dillon and seconded by Mike Conway to accept the FY 23/24 tentative budget with proposed adjustments. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

President George commented that the Illinois Supreme Court has taken the consolidation of pensions for consideration. No other Trustee had comments.

At 8:27 p.m. the board meeting was adjourned. Motion was made by Mike Conway and seconded by Mark Dillon. On a roll call vote, all members voted as follows: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Meeting adjourned.

President Dr. Rick George

Secretary Mark Dillon