

## **BOARD AGENDA**

**Meeting Date: Wednesday, 10 December 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

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

**"Posted" Monday, 8 December 2025**

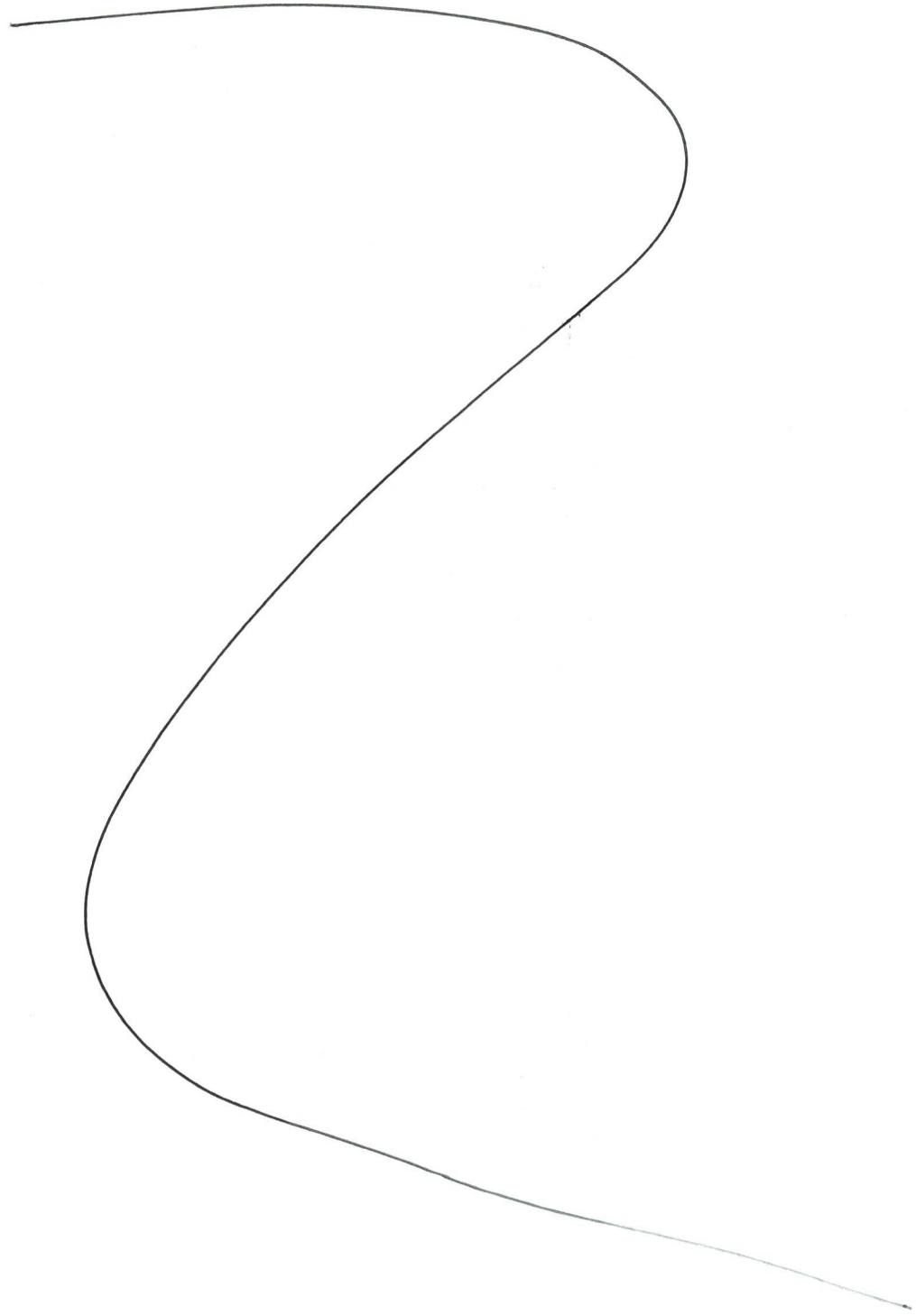
**7:00 p.m.**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call.**
- 3. Discuss and approve remote attendance of Richard George, President who is out of town for work related training.**
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. Introduction and Recognition of Visitors**
- 6. Public Hearings & Petitions (a reasonable amount of time will be permitted).**
- 7. Consent Agenda**
  - A. Secretary's Report – Minutes of Previous Month's Meeting**
  - B. Treasurer's report**
  - C. District Bills**
  - D. Payroll Report**
- 8. Old Business**
  - A. November 2024 / 2025 Incident Reports.**
  - B. Review and approve travel requests.**
  - C. Review Board Action Annual Checklist.**
  - D. Discuss and approve budget line-item revisions.**
  - E. Discuss and approve construction update for the new Station #1 Storage Bldg.**
  - F. Open and accept sealed bids for the fifteen portable radios. Discuss and award the bid unless further evaluation of the sealed bids is requested by the Board.**
  - G. Discuss and approve further general funding of the radio project to comply with the terms of the AFG Grant (matching).**
  - H. Discuss and approve additional funding for the radio project for complete funding of the project.**
- 8. New Business**
  - A. New Applicants**
  - B. Discuss and approve disposal as excess property the Rescue Squad by Chief Odum in the customary "as is" condition.**
  - C. Discuss and accept the volunteer status of Mike Hinz as Ex Officio Treasurer for the LEFPD Board and by extension to the Pension Board. The appointment is effective 1 January 2026.**
  - D. Discuss and approve the LEFPD Board meeting dates for 2026 as the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.**
  - E. Discuss and approve the conversion of Reserve Ambulance 5R65 to Rescue Diver Support vehicle. This will require new graphics and internal reconfiguration to support the mission.**
- 9. President Comments**
- 10. Other Trustee comments**
- 11. Next month regular meeting 14 January 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Station 1**
- 12. Discussion of agenda items for next month's meeting**
- 13. Adjournment**

Guests for the 10 DEC 25 Public Hearing

1. Jerry Olson
2. Mark Dixon, Eggemeyer Assoc - ~~ANCHORAGE~~

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**Regular Meeting**  
**Lake Egypt Fire Protection District Trustees**  
**12228 Lake of Egypt Rd**  
**Marion, IL 62959**  
**10 December 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

The regular scheduled Board Meeting of the Lake Egypt Fire Protection District was held on 10 December 2025. The meeting was called to order by President Richard George at 7:00 p.m. The roll call was as follows:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Rick George			X	
John Power	X			
Paul Melvin			X	
Rich Marose	X			
Don Glays	X			

Visitors Included: Chief Jerry Odum, Mark Dillon, Eggemeyer Associates Architects.

A discussion was held to allow remote attendance of Richard George, President, since he is out of town for a work-related event. A motion was made by Rich Marose and seconded by John Power to approve the remote attendance per Board Policy. The vote of those members in attendance was:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Rick George			X	
John Power	X			
Paul Melvin			X	
Rich Marose	X			
Don Glays	X			

Results: Yeas 3, Nays 0, Absent 2, The President declared the motion Carried.

Public Comment: None Presented. Public Hearing and Petitions: None were presented.

A discussion was held on the Consent Agenda. Elevated overtime hours were attributed to Staff covering shifts for the Staff member who is on medical Workers Compensation

time off. A motion was made by Rich Marose and seconded by John Power to approve the Consent Agenda as proposed. Total Expenditures presented \$50,558.64 without Pension. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

Member	Ayes	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Rick George	X			
John Power	X			
Paul Melvin			X	
Rich Marose	X			
Don Glays	X			

Results: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 1, The President declared the motion Carried.

**Old Business**

Chief Jerry Odem presented the 2025 incident runs for November 2025 and November 2024.

Travel Requests: None presented.

The Board Action Checklist was reviewed: The Annual Audit is also underway with the Audit Team on site in October 2025. Once the Audit is published, it will be circulated and posted to the State Comptroller site. Subsequent reports based on the Audit will automatically be by the Audit Firm. The Tax Levy for 2026 / 2027 was circulated to the County Clerks.

No Budget Line-Item Revisions were presented.

Mark Dillon, Eggemeyer Associates briefed the Board on the status of the Station #1 Storage Building. He proposed a Pre-bid meeting and a Sealed Bid opening in late January 2026. His firm will provide the required Public Notice in advance of the meetings. These meetings will not be formal Board Meetings. Both meetings will occur at LEFPD Station #1.

Discussions were held on a “Builders’ Risk Insurance Policy. The LEFPD would have to purchase. Performance and Payments Bonds are the contractor’s responsibility. A “Liquidated Damages” Policy was considered for evaluation but is considered by our Architect as a minimal issue. Mark did not recommend an incentive clause for early completion. After Site Evaluation by the contracted Electrical Contractor, it was determined that a separate electrical meter drop was recommended rather than directionally boring over to Station #1 to tap into their electrical service. Requests for the Architect to include a transfer switch at the Storage Building to facilitate future generator placement. No Board Action was required.

Discussion was held on the 2025 Annual Tax Levy and Ordinance Abating Tax Levy. Documents were reviewed. Chief Odum discussed the process and confirmed that the Tax Levy was delivered to each County Clerk.

Sealed bids were opened for the purchase of fifteen portable dual band P25 portable radios utilizing primarily Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant. The only bid submitted was from Walker Communication, Makanda, IL. They actually submitted two bids. One for a Kenwood Viking platform and a second bid for Motorola APX portables. The lowest responsive bid was for Kenwood Viking, fifteen portables, totaling \$87,700.00. The Motorola APX bid was for \$144,665.10.

NOVACOM Communications President Brandon Watson, telephoned Richard George, Board President, earlier before the bid submission deadline and advised that Walker Communications was listed in the Motorola Corporate Vendor List as the LEFPD designated Motorola P25 vendor which prevented NOVACOM from submitting a Motorola APX competitive bid per Motorola policy.

After discussion, Rich Marose made a motion to accept and award the Walker Kenwood Viking bid for \$87,700.00 for fifteen portable radios. The motion was seconded by Don Glays. A roll call vote was held:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Rick George	X			
John Power	X			
Paul Melvin			X	
Rich Marose	X			
Don Glays	X			

Results: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 1, The President declared the motion Carried.

A discussion was held to fund the AFG matching portion of the Grant for fifteen portable radios in the amount of \$3,750.00. A motion was made by Rich Marose and seconded by Don Glays. A vote held:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Rick George	X			
John Power	X			
Paul Melvin			X	
Rich Marose	X			
Don Glays	X			

Results: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 1, The President declared the motion Carried.

A discussion was held related to the AFG Grant for fifteen radios was insufficient to fully cover the cost of the radios even with the LEFPD matching contribution. A residual estimated cost to the base radio proposal required an additional \$12,450.00. In discussions, the radio package still required the purchase of secondary high capacity batteries, new radio harnesses and a bank battery charger. It was determined that this additional expense would amount to less than \$15,000.00.

Rich Marose made a motion to fund an additional \$15,000.00 to complete the procurement of the fifteen portable Kenwood Viking radios. The motion was seconded by John Power. A vote was taken:

Member	Ayes	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Rick George	X			
John Power	X			
Paul Melvin			X	
Rich Marose	X			
Don Glays	X			

Results: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 1, The President declared the motion Carried.

**New Business:**

No new Applicants were presented.

A discussion was held related to the liquidation of the “Rescue Squad” vehicle as excess property “as is”. Previously, the Squad housed LEFPD Dive Rescue Equipment. Recently, the Dive Team equipment was transferred to the repurposed 5R65 Ambulance platform. Chief Odum advised the Squad was no longer needed. Residual Rescue Equipment will be removed from the Squad.

Rich Marose made a motion to liquidate the Squad “as is” in a fashion determined by Chief Odum. John Power seconded the motion. A roll call vote held:

Member	Ayes	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Rick George	X			
John Power	X			
Paul Melvin			X	
Rich Marose	X			
Don Glays	X			

Results: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 0, The President declared the motion Carried.

A discussion was held to appoint Mike Hinz as a LEFPD Volunteer as an ex officio Treasurer to the main LEFPD Board and the Pension Board effective 1 January 2026. A motion was made by Rich Marose to accept the appointment of Mike Hinz as a Volunteer to the main and Pension Board in the position of Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Don Glays. On a roll call vote:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Rick George	X			
John Power	X			
Paul Melvin			X	
Rich Marose	X			
Don Glays	X			

Results: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 0, The President declared the motion Carried.

A discussion was held on the 2026 LEFPD Board Meeting dates per the attached list. Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at LEFPD Station 1. A motion was made by Rich Marose and seconded by John Power. On a roll call vote:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Rick George	X			
John Power	X			
Paul Melvin			X	
Rich Marose	X			
Don Glays	X			

Results: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 1, The President declared the motion Carried.

A discussion was held about converting the old Reserve Ambulance 5R65 to a LEFPD Dive Rescue Support Vehicle. Minor modification would be required and the outer signage would change. Illinois Department of Public Health will be notified of the transition out of the ambulance fleet.

A motion was made by Rich Marose and seconded by Don Glays to approve the proposed transition of 5R65 to a Dive Rescue Support Vehicle. On a roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Rick George	X			
John Power	X			
Paul Melvin			X	

Rich Marose	X			
Don Glays	X			

Results: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 0, The President declared the motion Carried.

Chief Odum: A discussion was held on the issue of a situation of a District Employee who reported injury in a work related incident. Recently, the employee underwent an MRI Study and a Surgical Consultation. The surgeon did not feel surgery was indicated. The Staff Member should complete a course of conservative treatment and reevaluated after the first of the year with an expected return to work shortly after that.

Chief Odum: Recent discussions by Chief Odum with the United Ambulance Operations Chief, Marion, IL determined that United Ambulance was currently designated the EMS Response Agency for the Marion US Penitentiary. United advised that their call volume in the Marion and Herrin area was significant enough that they felt response to USP Marion could be done by LEFPD EMS Units. Chief Odum agreed and the Williamson County 911 PSAP Computer Aided Dispatch System will be updated to reflect that dispatch preference. Recently, LEFPD EMS units conducted a tour of the USP Marion facility to plan for future incidents.

Recently, two members of LEFPD part time Staff attended the Illinois Fire Science Institute (IFSI) Veterans familiarization class. The event was well received by our two LEFPD Staff Members.


No other comments by Board Members.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 14 January 2026 at 7:00 PM at Station #1.

A motion was made for adjournment at 8:15 pm by John Power and seconded by Rich Marose. The verbal vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

  
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 Richard George  
 President

  
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 Don Glays  
 Secretary