

**NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
WEEKLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 4, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Board members present (with conference call in service) were Director Mr. Tiberghien; Director Mrs. Austin; Director Mr. Anthony; Chief Keith Goldstein; Battalion Chief (not present); Captain Medical Officer Jennifer Swatek (not present); Shop Stewart Kurt Lubiewski; District Counsel Dan Bruntrager (not present); District Accountant Rick Rognan (not present). Director Mr. Tiberghien called for all in attendance to stand, and remove their hats, and silence their cell phones for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Chief Goldstein presented the minutes from February 25, 2025, Open Session,. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the minutes of the Open Session from February 25, 2025, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chief Goldstein presented the Agenda for March 4, 2025, Open Session, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the Open Session Agenda for March 4, 2025, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE WARRANTS: Chief Goldstein presented the Warrants/ Firefighter Regular Payroll for March 4, 2025. General Revenue: \$ 26,439.11 Bond (Capital Projects 2024): \$ 400.00; Dispatch (Communications) \$ 00; Health and Welfare: \$ 3,064.88; Retirement Veba \$ 00; Pension: \$ 00; Debt Service (Bond Retirement): \$ 00; EMS: \$ 00 **for a total of \$ 29,903.99**, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the Warrants /Firefighter Regular Payroll for March 4, 2025, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Goldstein presented documents related to fraud control that need signatures from each Director related to the 2024 Audit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein presented a great deal to the Board of Directors with a large money savings related to the Purchase and Trade-in of the 2022 Chevy Suburban, and the 2024 Chevy Silverado Pick-up Truck. Chief Goldstein explained that he has been working with Don Brown Chevrolet . The two (2) vehicles are on State Bid. Total cost of the vehicles is \$105,702.00, Total Trade-in is \$71,500.00, and Total cost to the District for both vehicles is \$ 34,202.00. With no other discussion, Director Mr. Tiberghien made a motion, seconded by Director Anthony thanking Chief Goldstein for his due diligence, and keeping the district/citizens in mind related to savings. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

Ordinances: None

Resolutions: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Goldstein presented the February 2025 Call Stats. Chief Goldstein reported that we have five (5) Tuesdays in April 2025 and asked the Board which Tuesday they will not be meeting. All three (3) Directors agreed to not meet on April 8, 2025.

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: No Report
MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT: No Report

SHOP REPORT: Shop Steward Kurt Lubiewski stated that the shop is working on the April 8, 2025, election related to the two candidates that they are backing. Shop Steward Kurt Lubiewski stated the two (2) candidates that they are backing have done a great job and are transparent for the citizens.

LAWYERS REPORT: No Report.

ACCOUNTANT: No Report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Director Mrs. Austin wished Everyone a Good Evening. Director Mrs. Austin reported that she attended her subdivision meeting on Saturday March 1, 2025(Alexandria Subdivision), again the Mayor of Jennings, and State Rep Fountain Henderson are still talking about the fire hydrant issue. Related to a fire that happened a year ago. Chief Goldstein again explained that the hydrant did not fail, "We broke a hose line that was attached to the hydrant, we shut the hydrant and re attached a new hose line and recharged the hydrant". Director Mrs. Austin asked Fire Chief Goldstein "Who is in charge of Fire hydrants, Chief Goldstein replied it is Missouri American Water responsibility". Director Mr. Anthony wished Everyone a Good Evening, and stated that we are here for our citizen, and we are doing great work with "Your Fire District". Director Mr. Anthony reminded everyone if you can't say something nice to someone, just don't say anything to them, and if you don't know what is going on with the district than "Please" don't go out on social media and spread mis information. Director Mr. Anthony asked that we all be Safe, and take care of the elderly, and our younger people, "God Bless Everyone, and Stay Safe", and "God Bless America". Director Mr. Tiberghien also stated that if you don't have the right information related to the district and how things work than "Please" don't spread drama, and "Check Yourself". Director Mr. Tiberghien reminded everyone that if they have questions regarding the board meeting to please email the Chief or Director Mr. Tiberghien (kgoldstein@nocofr.com or rtiberghien@nocofr.com). Also, you can call in at every board meeting and listen to (314) 899-5515 Pin # 1144.

CITIZENS COMMENT: There were two (2) Citizens present who wished to address the Board of Directors.

Ms. Wanda Lane (BFN):

- "Hello Everyone" Thank You for everything you do.
- Congratulations to both Directors related to getting the North County Labor Endorsement.
- I appreciate the Fire Districts Due Diligence and Transparency.
- I am amazed how many calls the district has run since the start of the new year.

- RGSD must be careful with information challenges.
- Parents “Please” start getting our younger children to school. It’s important that the young children attend “these early years are there most important times”.
- Explained how the RGSD works trying to get children to school.
- Please go to the school website and fill out the questionnaire. “We need your feedback”.

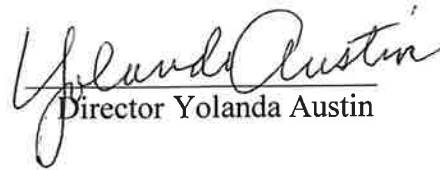
Alderwomen Thersa Hester (BFN):

- It’s my first time attending a Fire Board Meeting , and I also appreciate the Due Diligence and Transparency. I share Ward 1 with Alderman Wesley Gillespie, and we are going to try making these meetings on a rotating basis.

With no further discussion at 5:20 PM Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mr. Tiberghien, to adjourn Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony. Next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in person or by conference call on Tuesday March 11, 2025, at 5:00 PM..


Director Richie Tiberghien


Director Kevin Anthony


Director Yolanda Austin