

NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
WEEKLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 22, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Board members present (with social distancing, and conference call in place) were Director Mr. Tiberghien; Director Mrs. Austin; Director Mr. Anthony; Chief Keith Goldstein; Battalion Chief Eric (Rick) Seppelt; Medical Officer Jennifer Swatek (not present); Shop Stewart Kurt Lubiewski; District Counsel Dan Bruntrager. 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 August 15, 2023, Open Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the minutes of the Open Session from August 15, 2023, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chief Goldstein presented the Agenda for August 22, 2023, Open Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the August 22, 2023, Open Session agenda. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE WARRANTS: Chief Goldstein presented the Warrants/Board of Directors/Firefighters Regular Payroll for August 22, 2023. General Revenue: \$34,378.17; Bond (Capital Projects 2020): \$420.00; Dispatch (Communications) \$.00; Health and Welfare: \$78,282.26; Pension: \$00; Debt Service (Bond Retirement): \$147,750.00; EMS: \$00.; **for a total of \$260,830.43**, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the Warrants/Board of Directors/Firefighters Regular Payroll for August 22, 2023, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Goldstein had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein reported on the updates on the new building projects. The Chief reminded everyone that there are five (5) Tuesdays in August 2023, and the Board will not meet on August 29, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein had nothing to report.

Ordinances: None.

Resolutions: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Goldstein reported that he and Office Administrator Sarah Jurgena met a representative with Ameren U.E. at the back-to-school event at Jennings High School on August 19, 2023, regarding giving away and install air conditioning units within our area. Chief Goldstein explained the process related to this project and announced that we have thirteen (13) units to give away. Chief Goldstein spoke about having fifty (50) students sign up for an attendance drive for school with a gift card giveaway for having 85% attendance for the 2023/2024 school year. Chief Goldstein explained that he is asking for help from District

Counsel regarding inspections within the Fire District. Chief Goldstein explained that we have municipalities within our jurisdiction that have no building inspectors, and that he is looking for some strong language protecting the Fire District from any lawsuits. District Counsel stated that we should work with St. Louis County Inspectors on these issues but is willing to sit down and discuss these problems.

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: Battalion Chief Eric (Rick) Seppelt had no report.

MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT: No Report

SHOP REPORT: Shop Steward Kurt Lubiewski invited the Board to the Friends of Local 2665 Event on October 15, 2023, invitations will be forthcoming. Shop Steward Kurt Lubiewski thanked the Chief's for allowing all crews to "Stand Down" during the extreme heat waving.

LAWYERS REPORT: District Counsel Dan Bruntrager stated that he has sent a letter to Vatterott Properties regarding Nuisance alarms and have not heard back from them.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT: No Report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Director Mrs. Austin reported that the tour of the Cambers site gave her a better light on what is going on with the building. Director Mrs. Austin stated that she has thirty-one (31) years of educational background with Public Schools, and that she was happy to see the Firefighters Community Outreach doing such a great job regarding the student pledge. Director Mrs. Austin is happy to see our Directors, Chiefs, Office Staff and Firefighters engaging in their community. Directors Mr. Anthony asked that everyone stay hydrated check on their neighbors, the elder's, friends, and family during this extreme heat conditions. Director Mr. Anthony stated that he cannot believe that anyone would say that our Firefighters are not engaged in their community. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone check us out on our website, and our Facebook sites so you know what our Firefighters are doing, and what the Board of Directors are doing for the district. We are embedded in our community. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone "Please "cut out the negative and be positive. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone please" Slow Down, Be Kind, God Bless", and "God Bless America". Director Mr. Tiberghien also asked that we check on neighbors, family, friends, and "Please" don't leave your animals outside in the extreme heat. Director Mr. Tiberghien reminded everyone that if they have question 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 in.

CITIZENS COMMENT: Chief Goldstein reported that Ms. Wanda emailed that the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors has a Building Inspector.

With no further discussion at 5:26 PM Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to adjourn, Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin. Next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in person or by conference call on Tuesday September 5, 2023, at 5:00 PM.


Director Richie Tiberghien


Director Kevin Anthony


Director Yolanda Austin