

NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
WEEKLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 1, 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 Wes Morgan; Medical Officer Jennifer Swatek (not present); Shop Stewart Kurt Lubiewski (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 July 25, 2023, Open Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the minutes of the Open Session from July 25, 2023, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chief Goldstein presented the Agenda for August 1, 2023, Open Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the August 1, 2023, Open Session agenda as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE WARRANTS: Chief Goldstein presented the Warrants for August 1, 2023. General Revenue: \$7,973.28; Bond (Capital Projects 2020): \$00; Dispatch (Communications) \$.00; Health and Welfare: \$610.15; Pension: \$00; Debt Service (Bond Retirement): \$00; EMS: \$1,072.90.; **for a total of \$9,656.33**, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the Warrants for August 1, 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 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 we will be attending a Back-to-School Event tonight at Riverview Gardens High School. We will be giving out school supplies donated by North County Firefighters Community Outreach. Chief Goldstein reported that he will be attending a Ward 1 & 2 meeting on Saturday at the City of Jennings City Hall. Chief Goldstein reported that final plans are being made for the Charity Classic Golf Tournament to be held in our district at Norwood Hill Country Club September 5 through 10, 2023.

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: No Report.

MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT: No Report.

SHOP REPORT: No Report.

LAWYERS REPORT: No Report.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT: No Report

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Director Mrs. Austin had no report. Director Mr. Anthony spoke about the recent storms that have hit our area in the past few weeks. It's extremely hard when the power is off for so long. Please check on the elders, neighbors, and kids. If you have a generator, please help your neighbors. Please help clean up your neighborhoods with the storm damage debris. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone please "Slow Down, Be Kind, God Bless", and "God Bless America". 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 he received no emails or text messages from any citizen, and that there was one present at tonight's meeting. State Representative Yolanda Fountain Henderson. State Representative asked multiple questions that Director Mr. Tiberghien let Chief Goldstein answer.

1. Do you all do Community Engagement? Chief Goldstein explained that we are a big part of our community that we serve and protect, and do you have a specific request that you are referring to. State Representative stated that there was a block party, and the fire department didn't show up. Chief Goldstein replied that we didn't show up because we were not requested. The State Representative replied that she didn't know that.
2. New Jennings Fire House? When will it be completed. Chief Goldstein replied that we are being told in December 2023.
3. Jennings City Council Meetings? Why is there not a representative from the Fire District at these meetings. The City of Jennings Fire Department was always there. Chief Goldstein replied. We are a separate entity of the City of Jennings, and that our District Board of Directors meeting are every Tuesday at 5:00 PM, and this is where Citizen should come to address their concerns and questions. Chief Goldstein also stated that he was not asked to attend, and the times he has been asked he did show up.
4. Carbon Monoxide Call? Chief Goldstein explained that if there is an issue related to any call within this Fire District, citizens should contact his office for all the correct details pertaining to the call.
5. Chief Goldstein spoke about the child fatality during the July 1, 2023, storms as it relates to the 911 call. On July 3, 2023, a news story was aired on Fox 2 News (St. Louis) regarding how long it took First Responder to arrive. Chief Goldstein contacted Captain Norman Mann (Commander of the 8th Precinct Jennings). We both immediately contacted our respected dispatching agencies to start an investigation. Chief Goldstein spoke about how sometimes calls in the Jennings area get transferred to St. Louis City Dispatching. Chief Goldstein did acknowledge that after looking into this issue with our dispatching agency they stated that as soon as they received the request Fire and EMS were immediately assigned to the call.

Lastly Chief Goldstein explained to the State Representative that this Fire District is the most transparent governmental body in the State of Missouri under the direction of the three (3) Board of Directors.

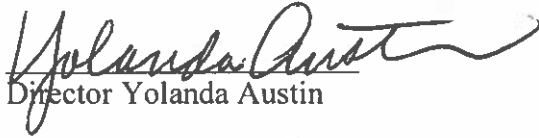
With no further discussion at 5:24 PM Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mr. Tiberghien, to adjourn. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony. Next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in person or by conference call on Tuesday August 8, 2023, at 5:00 PM.



Director Richie Tiberghien



Director Kevin Anthony



Director Yolanda Austin