

**NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**WEEKLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**February 13, 2024**

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 (not present); Medical Officer Captain Jennifer Swatek; 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 February 6, 2024, Open/Closed Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the minutes of the Open/Closed Session from February 6, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chief Goldstein presented the Agenda for February 13, 2024, Open Session. Chief Goldstein requested a Closed Session under section RSMO: 610.021 (2) and adding the Medical Officers report to the front of the agenda. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the agenda for February 13, 2024, as presented with the amendments. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE WARRANTS: Chief Goldstein presented the Warrants for February 13, 2024. General Revenue: \$8,900.76; Bond (Capital Projects 2020): \$9,645.64; Dispatch (Communications) \$ 00; Health and Welfare: \$68,099.18; Pension: \$00; Debt Service (Bond Retirement): \$572,352.77; EMS: \$00; **for a total of \$658,998.35**, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the Warrants for February 13, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Goldstein had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein reported on the new building projects.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Goldstein had nothing to report.

Ordinances: None.

Resolutions: None.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Goldstein reported that the Board of Directors and the Truck Committee will be in Ocala Florida on February 15, 16, 17, 2024 finalizing our new ladder truck which is at the EOne plant. Chief Goldstein presented the call stats for January 2024.

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: No Report.

MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT: Captain Jennifer Swatek presented a full EMS report related to Christian Hospital EMS (CHNE) responses to the fire district, transfers with 911 ambulances, no ambulances available

etc. There were two citizens present at this meeting, both asked questions related to this topic, and what the is the district's future is for fire-based ambulances.

SHOP REPORT: Shop Steward Kurt Lubiewski had no report.

LAWYERS REPORT: District Counsel requested the Closed Session citing RSMO; 610.021 (2).

ACCOUNTANT REPORT: No Report

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Director Mrs. Austin wished everyone a "Good Evening" Director Mrs. Austin thanked the building committee for all their hard work related to the two (2) new fire stations "THEY LOOK GREAT". Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone be respectful to Law Enforcement, Firefighters, and all First Responders they are paid to do a job, and to keep us safe. Director Mr. Anthony thanked all the elected officials who came and toured our new fire stations last week. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone "Slow Down and Arrive Alive". Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone please take care of our young and elderly, make sure they have coats on, and they are keeping warm, and work on our negative behavior please" Slow Down, Be Kind, God Bless", and "God Bless America". Director Mr. Tiberghien stated that the date has been set for the Public Viewing of what they have been waiting for "TWO NEW STATES OF THE ART FIRE STATIONS" March 16, 2024, more details to follow. 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](mailto:kgoldstein@nocofr.com) or [rtiberghien@nocofr.com](mailto:rtiberghien@nocofr.com)). Also, you can call in at every board meeting, and listen in.

CITIZENS COMMENT: Chief Goldstein reported that we have two (2) Citizen's attending our meeting in person. Alderman James Thomas, and Ms. Wanda Lane.

Alderman James Thomas:

Thanked the Board of Directors for being diligent with taxpayers' dollars and building these fire stations for the future. I am also looking forward to the service the fire district is wanting to bring to our community regarding future fire-based EMS.

Ms. Wanda Lane:

Ms. Wanda Lane asked about the new ladder truck, and if is replacing the Fire Engine that was lost in the flood of 2022. Chief Goldstein explained that the ladder truck was part of the 2020 bond issue. We will be looking at replacing the truck we lost in the flood with the reaffirming of the new "No tax Rate Increase Bond" that we are asking for in April 2024.

With no further discussion at 5:34 PM Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to adjourn to a Closed Session under section RSMO; 610.021 (2). 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 February 20, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

Director Richie Tiberghien



Director Kevin Anthony



Director Yolanda Austin

