

**NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
WEEKLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
February 20, 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 (not present); Shop Stewart Kurt Lubiewski (not present); District Accountant Rick Rognan (by phone). 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 13, 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 13, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chief Goldstein presented the Agenda for February 20, 2024, Open Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion to amend the agenda to allow for our Accountant report to be moved to the front of the meeting, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the agenda for February 20, 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/Firefighters Overtime Payroll for February 20, 2024. General Revenue: \$21,156.62; Bond (Capital Projects 2020): \$2,906.54; Dispatch (Communications) \$ 00; Health and Welfare: \$00; Pension: \$2,850.00; Debt Service (Bond Retirement): \$; EMS: \$2,840.69; **for a total of \$29,753.85**, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the Warrants/Firefighters Overtime Payroll for February 20, 2024, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Goldstein reported and presented documents to be signed for our 2023 Audit.

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 finalized our new ladder truck at the trip in Ocala Florida on February 15, 16, 17, 2024. Chief Goldstein requested approval to put the following equipment up for surplus property thirteen (13) wardrobes to sell, and to donate the old physical fitness equipment to the University Fire Department. Director Mr. Tiberghien made a motion, seconded by Director Mr. Anthony, to approve the surplus property request. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: No Report (not present).

MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT: No Report (not present).

SHOP REPORT: No Report (not present).

LAWYERS REPORT: Not Present.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT: District Accountant Rick Rognan gave a full report on the January 2024 Monthly Financial Report. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the January 2024 Monthly Financial Report as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT: Director Mrs. Austin wished everyone a “Good Evening” Director Mrs. Austin asked for a moment of silence for the family in Ferguson Missouri who lost their life in a house fire on February 19, 2024. Director Mrs. Austin spoke about the trip to Ocala Florida to finalize the new ladder truck, and how these guys handled themselves during the inspection, and operation of this new ladder truck. Director Mrs. Austin spoke about the firefighters who assisted on an emergency medical incident while we were at dinner in Ocala Florida. These firefighters jumped up from the table and started rendering care to this person until the ambulance arrived on scene. It was amazing to see these guy’s work. Director Mr. Anthony spoke about in 2021 while returning home from Ocala Florida the same group of firefighters render care to a female on the plane. Director Mr. Anthony talked about the committee process that this district operates under, and how hard the men and women work to get all the information to the board of directors for the final decision. Director Mr. Anthony thanked our community for standing behind our firefighters. 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 thanked Chief Goldstein for including our firefighters/Paramedics and allowing them to have a say in their district. Also, our Community Outreach is amazing, and everything they do is for our citizens. 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, invitations have been sent out tell you family and friends to come and join us. 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 [tiberghien@nocofr.com](mailto:tiberghien@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.

Trustee Darrin Johnson with the City of Riverview:

- I love the unity that the Fire District has.
- I want to bring to the City of Riverview a Recruitment Program
- This was a very informative meeting and ran very well.

Ms. Wanda Lane:

- It’s hard to accept compliments. In my opinion Chief Goldstein has turned this Fire District around. Chief Goldstein is who he is.

- The Fire District flow chart. I don't know who came up with that? Director Mr. Tiberghien stated that this was done by Chief Goldstein. We pride ourselves on putting the citizens first.
- We need to start putting people in office that can work with citizen not against them.
- This Fire District under this leadership understands how to work with the citizens, even if we don't always agree on the same thing.

Director Mr. Tiberghien stated that "We value our citizens, and that the Board of Directors do this for every citizen just not for themselves". We are also citizens within the seventeen (17) square miles of this Great Fire District.

With no further discussion at 5:40 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 February 27, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

  
Director Richie Tiberghien

  
Director Kevin Anthony

  
Director Yolanda Austin