

NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
WEEKLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 17, 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 Wesley (Wes) Morgan; Medical Officer Jennifer Swatek; Shop Stewart Kurt Lubiewski (not present); District Accountant Rick Rognan. 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 October 10, 2023, Open Session. Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the minutes of the Open Session from October 10, 2023, as presented. Ayes: Director Mr. Tiberghien, Director Mr. Anthony, Director Mrs. Austin.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chief Goldstein presented the Agenda for October 17, 2023, Open Session, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, to amend the agenda allowing District Accountant Rick Rognan, and Pension Advisor Aaron Stewart to be moved up for their reports, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to approve the October 17, 2023, Open Session agenda with the amendment. 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 October 17, 2023. General Revenue: \$21,063.72; Bond (Capital Projects 2020): \$1,031,721.31; Dispatch (Communications) \$.00; Health and Welfare: \$71,431.23; Pension: \$00; Debt Service (Bond Retirement): \$00; EMS: \$1,347.39.; **for a total of \$1,128,817.17**, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin to approve the Warrants/Board of Directors/Firefighters Regular Payroll for October 17, 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. Chief Goldstein reported that there will be no Board Meeting on October 31, 2023, due to five (5) Tuesdays. Chief Goldstein presented a letter that the Board of Directors will be sending to all the Municipalities within our Fire District relating to our rolls and responsibilities under RSMO: 321. This letter was signed by all three Board of Directors and will be sent out on Wednesday October 18, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS: District Pension Advisor Aaron Stewart gave a full report on the Employee's John Hancock 457/401 A Plans. Also, Aaron advised that he will be doing some educational meetings with the employees this month.

Ordinances: None.

Resolutions: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Goldstein reported that the preliminary budget meeting went well with the assistance of the District Accountant, Management/Board Treasurer, and Labor. Chief Goldstein presented a Real Estate Contract from District Counsel Charles (Chuck) Billings related to the brokers fees for the potential selling of the property located at 9207 Bellefontaine Road.

BATTALION CHIEF'S REPORT: Battalion Chief Wesley (Wes) Morgan announced that he has proudly served this district for thirty-five (35) years.

MEDICAL OFFICERS REPORT: No Report.

SHOP REPORT: Shop Steward Kurt Lubiewski not present.

LAWYERS REPORT: No Report.

ACCOUNTANT REPORT: District Accountant Rick Rognan presented a full in-depth September 2023 Monthly Financial Report. After the completion of the September 2023 Monthly Financial Report, Director Mr. Anthony made a motion, seconded by Director Mrs. Austin, to accept the September 2023 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" I attended the BFN Ward 4 National Night Out which was held on October 10, 2023. Director Mrs. Austin thanked Battalion Chief Wesley (Wes) Morgan for his years of service to the district. Director Mr. Anthony congratulated all the Firefighters, and retired Battalion Chief Don Mayse for the awards that they all received on October 13, 15, 2023. Director Mr. Anthony stated he visited his son in Dallas Texas over the weekend and met the Mayor and some Firefighters. Dallas is a large city and crime is everywhere, but people are out enjoying life. Director Mr. Anthony asked that everyone please take care of our young and elderly and work on our negative behavior please" Slow Down, Be Kind, God Bless", and "God Bless America". Director Mr. Tiberghien read the letter from the board that is being sent to all the municipalities within our jurisdiction on how this Fire District runs along with who our employees answer to. Director Mr. Tiberghien reminded everyone that if they have questions regarding the board meeting to please email the Chief or Director Mr. Tiberghien (kgoldstein@nocof.com or tiberghien@nocof.com). Also, you can call in at every board meeting, and listen in.


CITIZENS COMMENT: Chief Goldstein reported that he received no emails, and that we have two (2) citizens present at tonight's meeting. Ms. Jo Anne Clay, and State Representative Yolanda Fountaine Henderson. Ms. Clay stated that this was her first (1st) time attending our meeting. It's finally nice to be able to put a face to the person who was running for board, and asked if the new fire station is Jennings is on tract and thank you for building the new station. State Representative Yolanda Fountaine Henderson asked the following questions.

- 1) Fire Hydrant issues in Alexandria Place.
- 2) Does the district still give out plastic fire helmets anymore.
- 3) Requested the Chief or a representative start coming to Jennings City Hall meeting every month.
- 4) She feels the chief was rude to the Mayor of Jennings by asking him to send me a email every month requesting his presence at the City of Jennings Council meetings.
- 5) Response times on Mc Clarren Ave.

With no further discussion at 5:59 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 October 24, 2023, at 5:00 PM.


Director Richier Tiberghien


Director Kevin Anthony


Director Yolanda Austin