

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 30, 2020

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020, via Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19. Director Laughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Notice of said meeting had been provided at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by posting the meeting time in the case on the outside wall of the Administrative Offices. The following Directors were present: Director Bill Laughlin, Director Matt Gober, and Director Matt Simmons. The following staff members were present: Chief Tom Vineyard, Assistant Chief Ken Vomund, Assistant Chief Brian Moore, Fire Marshal Mark Morrison, Battalion Chief Matt Braile, Shop Steward Captain Eric Johnston, Captains Darren Daly and Gary McCutchen, Firefighter Brett Tichenor, numerous District employees, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido.

The following guests were present: Attorney Neil Bruntrager, and Attorney Jon Bruntrager

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Vineyard, followed by the reading of the Firefighter Prayer.

A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve minutes of the prior Regular Board Meeting of November 24, 2020, Special Session of December 3, 2020, and the Regular Board Work Session of December 10, 2020, as presented, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Simmons, and Gober
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Gober stated a current checking account balance of \$1,440,738.06. There being no comments or questions, a motion was made by Director Laughlin to pay bills as presented, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Simmons, and Gober
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Chief Vineyard wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, with hopes that 2021 will be a much better year.

Assistant Chief Moore wished all a Happy New Year.

Director Gober wished all a Happy New Year, and cautioned everyone not to let their guard down regarding COVID yet.

Director Simmons wished all a Happy New Year; stating this past year has been a long haul for many people and it would be a shame if we let our guards down before COVID was brought under control.

Director Laughlin thanked all employees for their service and sacrifices and work in our community, and stated his belief that O'Fallon has the best fire department anywhere. He stated his wishes for all to stay safe.

Ms. Lucido wished the Board a Happy New Year and thanked them for all they do for our citizens and employees.

OLD BUSINESS

There was further discussion regarding the District's COVID-19 Demobilization Plan. Chief Vineyard stated the District is in the planning phase of receiving vaccines through SCCAD who will be the vaccinators, and as such will receive the vaccine first. District employees could receive the vaccine by the end of January. Employees will receive the vaccine as they go off duty to ensure we retain full crews in case of side effects. He will update the Board as the vaccination process is finalized.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consensus to hold discussion regarding policy wording on employee's sick leave bank in closed session as part of contract negotiations.

Chief Vineyard stated that employees voted to retain Cpt. Mike Alcorn as their representative on the Pension Board and requested Board approval. Discussion held. A motion was made to appoint Captain Alcorn as Pension Board Member for a 2-year term on the District's Pension Board effective January 1, 2021, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes:	(3)	Directors Laughlin, Gober, and Simmons
Nays:	(0)	None
Absent:	(0)	None

Motion declared and carried.

Administrative Assistant Lucido reviewed the tentative Board Meeting schedule for 2021. A motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve the 2021

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Board Calendar as presented, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:
Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Gober, and Simmons
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

Director Laughlin made a motion to go into closed session at 7:14 p.m. under RSMo 610.021 ((1) Legal Actions involving a public governmental body and confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys; and (9) Preparation, including any discussion or work product on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups; seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:
Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Gober, and Simmons
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

A motion was made at 7:19 p.m. by Director Laughlin to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:
Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Gober, and Simmons
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.


Director Laughlin announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom due to COVID-19.

A motion was made by Director Laughlin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:
Ayes: (3) Directors Laughlin, Gober, and Simmons
Nays: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Motion declared and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:


Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary
Board Administrative Assistant