

**APPROVED AT 02-24-2022 BOARD MTG**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**January 27, 2022**

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, January 27, 2022, 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 Matt Braile, Assistant Chief Andy Parrish, Shop Steward Battalion Chief Eric Johnston, numerous District employees, and Board Executive Administrative Assistant Julie Gaylord.

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 December 29, 2021, and the Regular Board Work Session of January 13, 2022, 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 Simmons stated a current checking account balance of \$1,571,155.28. 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:

Director Laughlin stated he wanted everyone to keep Battalion Chief Brian Moore's family in their thoughts as they grieve the death of Deacon Richard Moore. Shop Steward Battalion Chief Eric Johnston stated that he reached out to BC Moore on behalf of the shop and let him know that if him or his family need anything we are here. Chief Vineyard stated that 2022 has been rough on the fire service.

## OLD BUSINESS

Chief Vineyard gave the board an update on the Missouri Firefighter Critical Illness fund. The fund is available to all those departments and districts throughout the state that are in the fire service. Chief Vineyard stated that the bylaws have been submitted to the Missouri Department of Insurance for their approval. The maximum benefit for the fund is \$300,000. Chief Vineyard stated that he would be submitting a resolution for the boards approval after he presents it to Labor Management. Chief Vineyard then gave the board an update on legislation that the district has been keeping an eye on.

## NEW BUSINESS:

There was a discussion regarding the replacement of the thermal camera on rescue pumper 9110. There being no further questions or concerns, Director Laughlin made a motion to approve the purchase of a Panasonic Toughbook Laptop for a total of \$3,961.69; 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.

There was a discussion regarding the solar panels for Station #4. Assistant Chief Braile stated that the bid proposal was increased from the previous one due to the company wanting to make sure that the panels are all in working order since they have been in storage for a while. AC Braile stated that each panel will be cleaned and tested before installation. There being no further questions or concerns Director Laughlin made a motion to approve Schneider Electric for the solar panel reinstallation at Station #4 for \$26,817.24; seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

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Nays: (0) None  
Absent: (0) None  
Motion declared and carried.

Director Laughlin made a motion to go into closed session at 7:17 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 7:20 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, February 10, 2022, 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 7:29 p.m.



William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:



Julie Gaylord, Recording Secretary  
Board Executive Administrative Assistant