MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS March 24, 2022

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at the administration building in the board room. Director Gober 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 Matt Gober, and Director Matt Simmons. The following staff members were present: 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 Director Gober, followed by the reading of the Firefighter Prayer.

A motion was made by Director Gober to approve minutes of the prior Regular Board Meeting of February 24, 2022, and the Regular Board Work Session of March 10, 2022, as presented, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes:

(2) Director Simmons, and Gober

Nays:

(0) None

Absent:

(1) Director Laughlin

Motion declared and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Gober stated a current checking account balance of \$1,372,447.76. There being no comments or questions, a motion was made by Director Gober to pay bills as presented, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes:

(2) Directors Simmons, and Gober

Nays:

(0) None

Absent:

(1) Director Laughlin

Motion declared and carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS

Assistant Chief Parrish stated that Chief Vineyard and the members of the Accreditation team are currently at the annual Accreditation conference. AC Parrish stated that the accreditation committee overall was very impressed with our Fire District and they made an unanimous vote to reaccredited the O'Fallon Fire Protection District.

NEW BUSINESS:

Assistant Chief Parrish discussed Resolution 2022-04 which is in reference to Senate Bill 649 which eliminates personal property tax in St. Charles County. AC Parrish stated that this bill has been on the district's radar for some time now and that they will be attending a town hall meeting to discuss it further. There being no further questions or concerns Director Gober made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-04, whereas the Board of Directors of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District are urging state senators and state representatives to oppose Senate Bill 649 and/or any related or amended bill version which would phase out or eliminate personal property taxes, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (2) Directors Gober, and Simmons

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (1) Director Laughlin

Motion declared and carried.

Director Gober made a motion to go into closed session at 7:09 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 Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: (2) Directors Gober, and Simmons

Nays: (0) None

Absent: (1) Director Laughlin

Motion declared and carried.

A motion was made at 7:09 p.m. by Director Gober to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes:

(2) Directors Gober, and Simmons

Nays:

(0) None

Absent: (1) Director Laughlin

Motion declared and carried.

Director Gober announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the administration bldg.

A motion was made by Director Gober to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Simmons. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes:

(2) Directors Gober, and Simmons

Navs:

(0) None

Absent:

(1) Director Laughlin

Motion declared and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

William Laughlin, Chairman

Jalie Gaylord, Recording Secretary

Board Executive Administrative Assistant