

# APPROVED AT 5-26-22 BOARD MTG

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**April 28, 2022**

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at the Administration Building Board Room, 111 Laura K Drive, O'Fallon, MO. 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, and Director Matt Gober. The following staff members were present: Chief Tom Vineyard, and Executive Administrative Assistant Julie Gaylord. The following members were present via zoom: Director Matthew Simmons, Assistant Chief Matt Braile, Shop Steward Battalion Chief Eric Johnston, and numerous district employees.

The following guests were present: Attorney Jon Bruntrager, Attorney Niel 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 April 28, 2022, Regular Board Work Session of May 12, 2022.

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

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Director Gober stated current checking account balance of \$1,220,639.57. There being no questions, a motion was made by Director Laughlin to pay bills 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

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Motion declared and carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

## COMMUNICATIONS:

Director Laughlin wanted to apologize for not making it to the district's community outreach trivia night. Shop Steward Battalion Chief Eric Johnston mentioned that the O'Fallon Community Outreach will be putting on a cornhole tournament later in June.

## OLD BUSINESS

Chief Vineyard gave an update on the senate bill that would eliminate property tax for St. Charles County. Chief stated that Chief Skip Stephens from Cottleville and he testified at a house committee hearing against the bill and how it would affect the fire district.

## NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion regarding replacing Station 3 recliners. Chief Vineyard stated that this was approved as a budget item but wanted to let the board know that they are moving forward with that.

A motion was made at 7:10 p.m. by Director Laughlin to go into Closed Session 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; (3) Hiring or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body, and (13) Individually Identifiable Personnel Records, seconded by Director Gober. Upon roll call the vote was:

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

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A motion was made at 7:18 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:

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

Director Laughlin announced that the following motion was made during Closed Session: *A motion was made by Director Laughlin to promote Captain Gary McCutchen to Battalion Chief and Engineer Kern Swafford to Captain effective May 20, 2022. Upon roll call the vote was:*

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

Congratulations were offered to both on their promotions.

Director Laughlin announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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 7:20 p.m.

  
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William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Julie Gaylord, Recording Secretary  
Board Executive Administrative Assistant