

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**July 14, 2022**

A Regular Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Thursday, July 14, 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, Director Matt Gober, and Director Matt Simmons. The following staff members were present: Chief Tom Vineyard, Assistant Chief Andy Parrish, Assistant Chief Matt Braile, Fire Marshal Mark Morrison, Battalion Chief Shop Steward Eric Johnston, and Board Executive Administrative Assistant Julie Gaylord.

The following guest was present: Attorney Jon Bruntrager

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

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Mr. Rogan gave the financial report for month ended June 2022, reviewing line-items, expenses, and income stating that the district is still financially stable. Tax collections are good, but interest income is less due to the financial markets. Several categories are over budget including fuel, and utilities, but overall, the budget is trending to stay within budget by year end. The district should continue to expect an inflation of fuel and utilities through the remainder of the year. Mr. Rogan went over the 2022 tax assessments. Personal Property is up 66 million this year, Mr. Rogan states that the assessment growth for the district would be 63 million. Chief Vineyard asked if there was potential for our pension tax to decrease, Mr. Rogan stated that the revenue from that would only decrease if the assessments came in lower.

Chief Vineyard discussed prepaying the 2022 contribution to RPA for the pension now while the market is down. Chief Vineyard stated that normally the 2022 contribution would be paid in January 2023, so we would be making the contribution out 5months early. Mr. Rogan stated that he doesn't think it is a bad idea as long as RPA invest it slowly and gradually. Discussion was had, and it was decided for Chief Vineyard to talk to RPA and Rhonda O'Brien more before a final decision is made.

Assistant Chief Braile discussed three different items that needed to be approved by the board. The equipment committee has been reviewing some proposals for equipment and

one item that was brought up that they are hoping to purchase now two Genesis tools to go on 9134 and 9114. AC Braile stated that the only reason they want to purchase it now instead of waiting until next year is because the cost of the tool will increase by at least 20-30% between now and January 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion was held, there being no further questions or concerns a motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve the purchase proposal of \$85,240.00 from Banner Equipment for 2 Genesis Hydraulic Spreaders, 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.

Assistant Chief Braile discussed that they are looking to purchase 6 tablets that would go on 5 of the front-line vehicle's and then the 6<sup>th</sup> one would go on AC Parrish staff vehicle. AC Braile stated that the tablets are cheaper than the tough books that they had originally wanted to purchase. Discussion was had, there being no further questions or concerns a motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve the purchase of 6 Surface Pro Touchscreens from Feathershark in the amount of \$8,792.73.

Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Assistant Chief Braile discussed installing a Red/Green Light from Martin Door at Station 3. AC Braile stated that the crews from Station 3 have brought to their attention how difficult it is to see when the door is up far enough up for them to be able to pull out of the bay. Further discussion was had, there being no further questions or concerns a motion was made by Director Laughlin to approve the purchase proposal from Martin Door in the amount of \$3,148.00 for the installation of a Red/Green Light and trolley to Station 3.

Upon roll call the vote was:

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

Chief Vineyard discussed the HVAC system at the administration building. Chief stated that the way the building was set up originally was for this to be separate suites instead of one building so there are 4 different HVAC systems and currently the HVAC system on the right side of the building is out of service. A HVAC technician has stated that the unit is unable to be fixed and needs to be replaced. Chief stated that he just wanted to make the board aware of this as they will need board approval for it once we get the full price of the replacement.

LABOR MANAGEMENT

None

OPERATIONS

None

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

None

Director Laughlin announced the next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Director Laughlin to adjourn the meeting, 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 being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
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William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Julie Gaylord, Recording Secretary  
Board Executive Administrative Assistant