



WILLIAMSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Trustees:
President: Matt Lee
Secretary: David Anderson
Treasurer: Rusty Baker
Gary Hill Tracy Emery
Fire Chief: Jeremy Norris

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 11, 2022

This meeting was held during Governor Pritzker's State of Illinois Disaster Proclamation and, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order No. 2020-07 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5) and the Governor's Executive Order No. 2020-18 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 16), the meeting occurred by telephone conferencing.

A regular meeting of the Trustees of the Williamson County Fire Protection District was held January 11, 2022 at Station Six, located at 3232 South Park Avenue, Herrin, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the President Matt Lee.

Trustees present by phone were as follows: David Anderson, Gary Hill, Matt Lee Tracy Emery and Rusty Baker. Also in attendance by telephone conferencing was Dean Snider of Snider McCree CPA'S, accountant for the district.

A motion was made by David Anderson and seconded by Tracy Emery to approve the agenda. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by Gary Hill and seconded by Matt Lee to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A Treasurer's Report by Rusty Baker listed the following balances on December 31, 2021:

\$ 853,488.48	General Fund Checking Account	First Southern Bank
\$ 68,131.61	Prepaid Insurance	
\$ 1,931.12	Baird	MM
\$ 150,000.00	Goldman Sachs Bank	CD
\$ 150,000.00	Discover Bank	CD

Total Current Assets:

\$1,223,551.21

Non Current Assets:

\$ 74,000.00

Total Assets:

\$ 1,297,551.21

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Tracy Emery and seconded by Gary Hill. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Matt Lee to pay the expenses. Rusty Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chief informed the board that we have received the 3rd installment tax split plus interest in the amount of \$64,655.90.

A motion was made by David Anderson and seconded by Tracy Emery to purchase extrication equipment. The bid was accepted at an earlier date to make that purchase from AEC Fire & Safety and was budgeted for the 2022 budget. The cost of the equipment is \$32,883.00. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by David Anderson and seconded by Rusty Baker to purchase gear racks for Station 5 and Station 7. The purchase would be made with 2% monies. The cost for the racks is approximately \$3,000.00 per station. Chief Norris will have more information as to cost for the next board meeting. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Gary Hill to promote firefighter Kent Johnson to part time Battalion Chief. Matt Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

Chief Norris advised the board that the Firefighters Pension Investment Fund consolidated our WCFPD Firefighters Pension Investments on January 4, 2022.

A motion was made by David Anderson for Chief Norris to attend the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts Mini Conference February 11-12, 2022 in O'Fallon, Illinois. Tracy Emery seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Matt Lee for Chief Norris to attend the MABAS Conference being held in Normal, Illinois on February 20-22-2022. Tracy Emery seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chief's Report for: December 2021

Firefighters responded to: (33) Thirty-Three calls

10 – MVA/Extrication	3 – Structure Fires
5 – Good Intent	3 – Auto. Alarms
5 – Powerline Emergency	2 – Illegal Burn
4 – Grass Fires	1 – Hazmat

Mutual Aid was given or received from the following Departments – Herrin FD (3), LEFPD (3), Hurst FD (2), Carterville FD (2), Marion FD (1) and Johnston City FD (1).

- I. Personnel –No changes.
- II. Current Roster is 68 personnel, 60 Firefighters, 8 Explorers.
- III. 2nd Recruitment video is complete.
- IV. Training – Fire Service Vehicle Operator is being taught Jan. 21-22, 2022. There is currently 14 signed up to take the class.
- V. WCFPD officer’s meeting is scheduled for Jan 15, 2022.
- VI. Personnel – need to look at schedules to meet changing flight times by Cape Air. Currently we are depending on part-time personnel to fill in shifts when full-time staff is not on duty. These part-time personnel are becoming hard to get due to other job requirements or being hired by other FD’s.
- VII. Firefighter testing – WCFPD needs to test for firefighter to establish a list of qualified candidates to hire. Thinking about an April 2022 test date.

Public Comment: None

There being no further business to come before the board and upon a motion by Tracy Emery and seconded by Rusty Baker and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Matt Lee, President

David Anderson, Secretary