



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

December 12, 2023

Dial in phone number: 1-970-474-9996 Conference ID: 016803

A regular meeting of the Trustees of the Williamson County Fire Protection District was held December 12, 2023, 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 were as follows: Matt Lee, Gary Hill, David Anderson and Tracy Emery. Rusty Baker was in attendance by telephone. Also present was Chief Jeremy Norris, Batt. Chief Eric Miller and Lt. Austin Kern. Dean Snider of Snider McCree CPA's was also in attendance.

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

A motion was made by Tracy Emery and seconded by Matt Lee to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A Treasurer's Report was read by Rusty Baker listed the following balances on November 30, 2023:

\$ 731,490.26	General Fund Checking Account - First Southern Bank
\$ 54,997.33	Prepaid Insurance
\$ 88,053.99	Baird Money Market
\$ 6,526.85	LPL Cash
\$ 20,000.00	Flagstar Bank CD 5.3%
\$ 11,000.00	JP Morgan Chase Bank CD 5.4%

Total Current Assets

\$ 912,068.43

None Current Assets

\$ 74,000.00	Prospect Capital Bond 3% due 5/15/2026
\$ 59,000.00	General Motors Financial Bond 4% due 4/20/2026
\$ 77,000.00	Citigroup CLGL Markets Holding CD 5.6% due 1/31/2024

Total Assets: \$1,122,068.43

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Rusty Baker and seconded by Tracy Emery to pay the expenses. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

The board was notified that the first 2022 payable 2023 tax installment was received in the amount of \$692,961.21.

A motion was made by David Anderson and seconded by Matt Lee to transfer \$127,000 to R.W. Baird to replenish the reserve fund. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by Gary Hill and seconded by Tracy Emery to transfer \$34,334.40 to the WCFPD Pension Fund from the first tax installment. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by Matt Lee and seconded by David Anderson to adopt the 2024 WCFPD Board Meeting schedule. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by Tracy Emery and seconded by Gary Hill to adopt the 2024 WCFPD Ordinance #2023-63, Paid leave for all workers. This ordinance takes effect January 1, 2024. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by Matt Lee and seconded by Rusty Baker to approve the minimum wage increase to \$14/hour. Effective January 1, 2024. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by David Anderson and seconded by Tracy Emery to approve the 2024 payroll increases. This will effective January 1, 2024. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by David Anderson and seconded by Matt Lee to approve the proposal from the Foreign Firefighters committee to expend \$24,209.75 for equipment. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by David Anderson and seconded by Gary Hill to approve the proposal from Novacom Communications to replace the security camera system at WCFPD station #6 at a cost of \$6,408.05. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

Chief's Report for November 2023
Firefighters responded to: (48) Forty-Eight calls

Week Ending	11/5/23	11/12/23	11/19/23	11/26/23	12/3/23	Total
(11) Structure Fire	1				3	4
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire		1	2			3
(14) Natural vegetation fire	1	3	5	1	3	13
(17) Cultivated vegetation, crop fire		1				1
(31) Medical assist			2			2
(32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	2	2	3	2	1	10
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks				1		1
(42) Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition		1				1
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem		1				1
(46) Accident, potential accident			1			1
(57) Cover assignment, standby at fire station				1		1
(60) Good intent call, other	1					1
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	2	2	1			5
(63) Controlled burning	1	1				2
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)					2	2
Total	8	12	14	5	9	48

Mutual Aid was given or received from the following Departments – Johnston City FD (6), Herrin FD (4), Pittsburg FD (2), Marion FD (1), Stonefort FD (1), LEFPD (1), and West Frankfort FD (1).

1. Personnel – Added – Elijah Mason, St#6. Lost Ben Davison, St. #6
2. Current Roster is 59 personnel, 49 Firefighters, 10 Explorers.
3. IDNR Grant – No new information.
4. OSFM SEG Grant – Up to \$26K, will be asking for bunker gear. Grant submitted.
5. Hosted Live Electric Line training with Ameren Dec. 19 @ 5:00 p.m. had 30 personnel attend from 4 different departments.
6. Health update.

Public Comment: None

There being no further business to come before the board and upon a motion by Tracy Emery and seconded by Gary Hill and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm.

Matt Lee, President

David Anderson, Secretary