

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MEHLVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, ON THE
22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Mehlville Fire Protection District of St. Louis County, Missouri, met at the Dr. Bosche EMS Training Center, 11020 Mueller Road, St. Louis County, Missouri, on the 22nd day of April, 2020.

Present at the meeting were:

Aaron Hilmer, Chairman and Director of the Board;

Bonnie C. Stegman, Treasurer and Director of the Board;

Edmond Ryan, Secretary and Director of the Board; and

Brian Hendricks, Fire Chief of the Mehlville Fire Protection District.

Mr. Hilmer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and announced the Board to be in session for the transaction of business.

Dr. Stegman made a motion to pay the bills of April 15 and 22, 2020. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Ryan made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes of February 12 and 26, 2020. Dr. Stegman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chief Hendricks discussed the COVID-19 public health emergency. He presented some financial projections reflecting \$425,000 in increased costs associated with pandemic response, including significant costs associated with unscheduled overtime and increased acquisition of PPE (personal protective equipment). While the financial projections may be high, as the District's call volume has declined from average of 48.5-49.4 per day to 34.4 per day, Chief Hendricks wants to ensure that the District is prepared for a resurgence and a second wave of COVID-19 infections. His goal is to reach and

maintain a six-month supply of PPE. Two employees have tested positive for COVID-19 and are recovered or recovering. An additional employee is in quarantine pending the results of his wife's test.

Chief Hendricks said employees who had vacations scheduled during the month of April cancelled their vacations, and he may want the Board to consider the option of a pay out to those employees. If employees continue to cancel vacations to keep manning up, there will not be enough vacation slots to accommodate the re-scheduling requests. Chief Hendricks and CFO Brian Bond are evaluating the impact of increasing the number of vacation slots, which would in turn increase unscheduled overtime. CFO Bond is also reviewing the procedures for requesting reimbursement from the federal government. In addition, the District has received a \$79,000 payment from CMS referencing the CARES Act.

Chief Hendricks approached the EOC and offered the District's COVID Mobile units for testing District residents. The Department of Health responded with a proposal to use MFPD's COVID Mobile units to test residents of long-term care facilities, which are becoming infection hot spots. The Department of Health would provide PPE. The District's Legal Counsel Matt Hoffman is working on the required written agreement. Chief Hendricks said providing testing to District residents is problematic because of the inability to reliably obtain a supply of tests. The Department of Health tests are obtained from the federal government which has designated them for use at long-term care facilities.

While overall 911 call volume is down, Chief Hendricks said that there is a significant increase in substance abuse, overdose, and cardiac arrest calls.

Mr. Ryan praised the District response to the coronavirus pandemic. Chief Hendricks said he had received a phone call from County Council member Ernie Trakas, who congratulated him on the District's response. The Board discussed promoting the District's efforts in The Call.

Mr. Hilmer made a motion that a closed meeting be held for the purpose of discussing personnel matters immediately following the adjournment of the regular meeting. Mr. Hilmer, as part of said motion, moved that said closed meeting not be open to members of the general public under the provisions of Chapter 610 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, commonly referred to as the Sunshine Act. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stegman. A roll call vote on said motion was taken.

Director Hilmer yea.

Director Stegman yea.

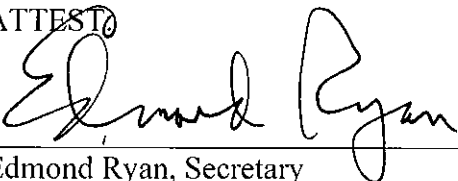
Director Ryan yea.

There being no further business, Mr. Hilmer adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.



Aaron Hilmer, Chairman

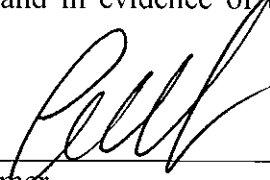
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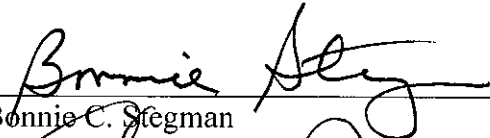
Edmond Ryan, Secretary

The undersigned, being all members of the Board of Directors of the Mehlville Fire Protection District, have affixed their names thereto in evidence of their consent to

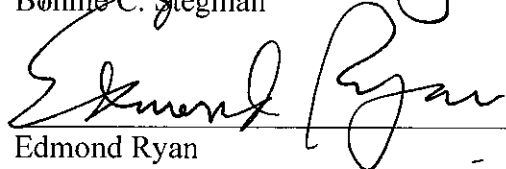
the meeting at the time and place indicated, and in evidence of their approval of the actions taken at the said meeting.



Aaron Hilmer



Bonnie C. Stegman



Edmond Ryan