

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE MEHLVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, ON THE  
11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Mehlville Fire Protection District of St. Louis County, Missouri, met at the Mehlville Conference Room, 11020 Mueller Road, St. Louis County, Missouri, on the 11th day of September, 2019.

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.

Fire Marshal Ed Berkel gave an update on the St. Louis County open burning regulations. The new regulations say open burning can occur only on properties of 3 acres or more unless the property borders on a river. Only seasoned, dry firewood can be used in fire pits. Dr. Stegman asked if the District would be required to obtain a permit for fire training. Mr. Berkel said a permit would not be required for a fire training facility.

Dr. Stegman made a motion to pay the bills of September 11, 2019. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Ryan made a motion to remove from probationary status Mechanic Devin Clary. Dr. Stegman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chief Financial Officer Brian Bond discussed the preliminary 2020 budget. The final budget will be presented in December after receipt of final figures on items such as workers' compensation and medical insurance. No voluntary reductions in tax rates will be requested. \$1.1 million will be transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Fund. \$1 million will be transferred to the Pension Fund to address current year shortfalls and future disability payments. The staffing model will include 12 new full-time 12-hour Critical Care Paramedics and a 1.8% cost of living increase in salaries based upon the Consumer Price Index. Workers Compensation premiums are projected to increase 25%. Medical insurance premiums are projected to increase 10%, and dental and vision insurance are projected to increase 5%. The final debt payment of \$288,000 will occur in 2020. Expenses are determined based on rolling three-year averages, specific items, and the current year budget. Under capital expenditures, \$836,000 will be spent on the acquisition of three ambulances, \$100,000 will be placed in reserve, and \$45,000 will be spent on a staff vehicle.

Mr. Hilmer made a motion that a closed meeting be held for the purpose of discussing a legal matter 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 5:12 p.m.

Not present  
Aaron Hilmer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Edmond Ryan  
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.

Not Present  
Aaron Hilmer

Bonnie C. Stegman  
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Edmond Ryan  
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