## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MEHLVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, ON THE 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014

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 29th day of September, 2014.

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

Daniel LaFata, Assistant Fire Chief of the Mehlville Fire Protection District.

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

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 September 25, 2014. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Ryan made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes of August 6 and 20, 2014. Dr. Stegman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chief Financial Officer Brian Bond discussed the preliminary 2015 budget and the 2014 tax rates. In aggregate, the District will be levying taxes at the same rate as last year. 2014 assessed values reflect a \$13.1 million increase over the past year. Tax rates were calculated using the tax rate calculator on the state auditor's website. The District is projecting \$15.892 million in tax revenue is projected for fiscal 2015. The County retains 1.5% as their fee for collecting revenue, therefore \$15.653 million is available for District

use. The District proposes no voluntary reductions in the tax rates for 2014. Amounts proposed for transfer to the equipment fund have been reduced. The purchase of a pumper will be delayed. \$350,000 will be transferred to the pension fund to address current year shortfalls and increase reserves for future underfunded disability payments. 2015 salaries reflect step increases but no other salary increases. Unscheduled overtime budget has been increased from \$550,000 to \$700,000 reflecting costs of operating an additional ambulance. Health insurance costs will be finalized in December. \$289,000 will be utilized for debt service. The budget includes atypical nonrecurring year expenses such as the election expense. Overall the 2015 budget forecasts that the tax revenue will increase \$93,000. In total, the 2015 preliminary budget forecasts a \$44,000 increase in total revenue. An increase of \$124,000 in expenses is forecast. In total, the 2015 preliminary budget forecasts \$547,000 in excess of revenue over expenditures. Of this excess, \$253,000 will be funding future disability payment obligations, \$270,000 will fund future unknown dispatching related expenses, and \$7,000 will be in the General Fund. Mr. Bond recommended fixing the tax rates for 2014 for the General, Alarm and Pension funds at the tax rate ceiling.

Dr. Stegman made a motion to approve the 2014 Tax Rate Resolution. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chief Hendricks said there was no business for a Closed Session. Mr. Hilmer made a motion to cancel the Closed Session. Dr. Stegman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Mr. Hilmer adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Aaron Hilmer, Chairman

Edmond Ryan, Secretar

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