MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MEHLVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, ON THE 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023

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 27th day of September, 2023.

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 September 13, 20, and 27, 2023.

Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chief Financial Officer Brian Bond presented the August, 2023 Treasurer's Report. The District received \$22,000 in tax revenue, bringing the total to \$23.957 million. Cash equivalent resources were \$26.432 million at the end of August. Capital expenditures for August totaled \$78,000 related to the GEMT cost report. The District received \$300,000 in the Capital Fund for the sale of a 2009 ambulance. Both the General Fund and the Pension Fund appear to be on course with the budget. Dr. Stegman made a motion to approve the August, 2023 Financial Statement and Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

John Judd, a citizen of Mehlville, spoke in favor of the proposed 2023 Tax Rates as well as the current Board.

Chief Financial Officer Brian Bond presented the 2023 summarized tax rate information for the 2024 budget, the 2024 Preliminary budget, and a draft of the 2023 Tax rate Resolution. The 2023 assessed values reflect a \$418 million increase in assessed values over 2022. The 2024 Preliminary Budget forecasts a \$2.382 million increase in Total Revenue over the 2023 Budget. \$4.397 million will be transferred to the capital fund to address capital expenditures in 2024 such as: \$500,000 for one-half of a pumper purchase, \$305,000 for an ambulance, \$50,000 for aerial apparatus reserve, \$50,000 for SCBA replacement, \$150,000 for future radio replacement, \$224,000 for fire and EMS equipment, \$105,000 for two staff vehicles, and \$3 million for construction for future engine houses. \$1.144 million will be transferred to the pension fund. There will be an increase in 2024 salaries by 5.0% and staffing additions for two vacancies. These results demonstrate the need to fix the tax rates at the Tax Rate Ceiling for 023 in the General Revenue fund and the pension fund to address the current operating and capital needs. Dr. Stegman made a motion to approve the Tax Rate Resolution as presented. Mr. Ryan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chief Hendricks presented Jake Lickteig who was promoted to the rank of Captain.

There being no further business, Mr. Hilmer adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Aaron Hilmer, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

Edmond Ryan

Bonnie C. Stegman