

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI,
HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018

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BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Board of Directors of the Monarch Fire Protection District of Saint Louis County, Chesterfield, Missouri, met at the Administration Building, of said District, 13725 Olive Boulevard, in the City of Chesterfield, County of Saint Louis, on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in an Open Board Meeting. At the above time and place the following Officers and Directors were in attendance.

Rick Gans - President/Chairman and Director
Jean Millner - Secretary and Director
Robin Harris - Treasurer and Director

Also present: Chief Cary Spiegel
Asst. Chief Les Crew
Atty. Matt Hoffman

A quorum being present, Director Gans called the meeting to order and announced the Board of Directors meeting to be in session for the transaction of any and all business to be brought before it at this time.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

7:00 P.M.

DIRECTOR GANS: Call to order the Open Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

Would you please rise and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Whereupon, all persons joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and the following proceedings were had.)

DIRECTOR GANS: We begin with the Approval of Agenda.

Are there any additions, deletions, or changes to the Agenda?

(No response.)

DIRECTOR GANS: Hearing none, --

DIRECTOR HARRIS: I -- actually, I, under New Business, I do not have a schedule, as yet, for August, so would like to delete setting the August Meeting dates.

DIRECTOR GANS: All right. And so we would also delete B. The Budget Workshop Dates would begin in August, also.

So, under New Business, we will remove A and B.

1 It's very likely that the dates will
2 be established by email communications between
3 the Board Members, which there is a public record
4 of; it wouldn't be very exciting, because all
5 that matters is the outcome.

6 But, it's available, if the public
7 wants to see it.

8 The dates will be posted on the
9 website and they will be announced at the next
10 Open Meeting, which is still in July.

11 So, stay tuned for that.

12 Any other changes to the agenda?

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

14 CHIEF SPIEGEL: No.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Moving on to
16 Citizen Comments. Are there any citizen
17 comments?

18 (No response.)

19 DIRECTOR GANS: And I don't see
20 anyone jumping up, so we'll assume there aren't.

21 And moving on to the President's
22 Report, I did start with a draft agenda with a
23 whole bunch of things and they got removed. Most
24 of them, by me.

25 So I will have a report next

1 meeting, but I do not have a report this meeting.

2 So, we now move on to the
3 Secretary's Report.

4 DIRECTOR MILLNER: The secretary
5 has a report.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: It's super
8 simple. I'm good.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. We -- we're
10 ready.

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I would like to
12 move for the approval of the Open Meeting Minutes
13 for June 21st, 2018 and July 5th, 2018.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: I'll second the
15 motion.

16 Any discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

20 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

22 Motion passes three to nothing.

23 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I also move for
24 the approval of the Closed Meeting Minutes for
25 July 5th, 2018.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: I will second the
2 motion.

3 Any discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

6 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

8 Motion passes three to nothing.

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: That concludes
10 the Secretary's Report.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: Thank you.

12 That takes us to the Treasurer's
13 Report.

14 Mister Treasurer.

15 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

16 In that case, let me flip the page
17 here and say, we have disbursements in the amount
18 of \$174,289.45 for the period.

19 We have seven checks over \$5,000.00.

20 Thanks. This one was sticking
21 together, it's so big.

22 Check number 41453 to Montgomery
23 Bank in the amount of \$8,576.92.

24 Those would be, well, a variety of
25 charges on the credit card.

1 Check number 41468 to Schuhmacher
2 Fire Equipment in the amount of \$5,002.06 and
3 those were for various parts for our fire trucks,
4 or, as we would say, different apparatus.

5 DIRECTOR GANS: Doesn't that
6 include a lot of loose equipment for -- is that
7 -- is this the one that's for loose equipment,
8 for the new rescue truck?

9 DIRECTOR HARRIS: No. This has 2012
10 (static interference) sensor (static
11 interference) sensor and the Modula.

12 The modula would be (static
13 interference) then 2216 air conditioning --

14 DIRECTOR GANS: That's right.

15 DIRECTOR HARRIS: -- parts, --

16 DIRECTOR GANS: That was -- that
17 was the biggest expense.

18 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Yeah. But, we
19 know how those air conditioner's --

20 DIRECTOR GANS: Are they necessary
21 this summer?

22 (General chuckles.)

23 DIRECTOR HARRIS: It would seem
24 pretty (static interference) -- If you can handle
25 the heat (static interference) you know this 95

1 stuff shouldn't be a problem.

2 (General laughter.)

3 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Check number 41469
4 to Sentinel Emergency (static interference) in
5 the amount of \$29,148.01.

6 That is actually for a ladder repair
7 and then it looks like a variety of rescue tools
8 for 2254.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. That was the
10 one --

11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: (inaudible due to
12 speaking over each other)

13 DIRECTOR GANS: -- I was thinking
14 of.

15 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Yes.

16 Then, check number 41449 to
17 Mediclaims in the amount of \$10,275.48.

18 That is the May billing and --

19 (Static continues to drown out what
20 is being said by the Directors regarding check
21 number 41449.)

22 DIRECTOR GANS: And that's for the
23 cost of ambulance collections.

24 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Correct. And we
25 have that cost (static interference)

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Correct.

2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: -- rather because
3 people from out of the District would always have
4 to pay --

5 DIRECTOR GANS: Right.

6 DIRECTOR HARRIS: -- to utilize
7 those services.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Right.

9 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Check number 41444
10 to Leo Elebracht Company in the amount of
11 \$10,840.13.

12 And it looks like the primary part
13 was a new generator for 2232.

14 There were also some other minor
15 parts along with that, a boost nozzle, a SCBA
16 software upgrade, among others.

17 Check number 41431 to Energy
18 Petroleum in the amount of \$5,597.98.

19 That's for fuel.

20 Check number 41422, to Aschinger
21 Electric Company in the amount of \$40,541.74.

22 And the primary cost there was House
23 One LED's. But, --

24 DIRECTOR GANS: (inaudible)

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: -- a new

1 receptacle in a location that needed one, then
2 replacing some sensors at House Four.

3 Are there any questions?

4 DIRECTOR GANS: Cary, did I have
5 any questions?

6 CHIEF SPIEGEL: You had your share,
7 yes, sir.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: I probably had more
9 questions on this check run than any in a while.

10 Not that I haven't had more lately,
11 but as is now the custom, they were asked by
12 email, responded to by email.

13 There were a number of 'em.

14 Some were just discussed there.

15 There are a couple that, after
16 getting the response, I do want to bring up.

17 One is, we are now paying the
18 District's cell phone bill directly, rather than
19 through the 853 account, which essentially is a
20 pass-through account at Central County, which was
21 used for cell bill payments forever. It's been
22 a long time.

23 And I got a copy. I asked for it
24 and got a copy of the bill.

25 It's a pretty simple bill that

1 there's no charges besides the pretty much
2 standard 58, or, 40 -- 49 to 58 dollars a month
3 for each of the cell phones.

4 I appreciate getting this.

5 I would like to get a list -- I can
6 tell by the numbers, like a 2200 is obviously the
7 chief, but I'd like to get a list of who the
8 other cell phones are.

9 And I don't mean "other" besides the
10 chief. I recognize most of them.

11 So, the numbers on here, I -- I
12 could say the numbers that you know that I'd
13 recognize, you know, enough to identify, but
14 probably the safe thing would be, if you could
15 assign that to someone to provide the Board with
16 a list of these.

17 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Was a check
19 that replaced a voided check, and -- and I did
20 receive some materials at my desk. Did I get a
21 -- of course, we void a check by -- by stopping
22 payment. Is that correct?

23 The check was lost, so do we stop
24 payment on it?

25 I asked if it was voided and it

1 really should've been, "Did we stop payment?"

2 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I'm drawing a blank,
3 Rick.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: Oh, just --

5 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I thought it was
6 voided because it --

7 DIRECTOR GANS: So, did --

8 CHIEF SPIEGEL: -- it was lost.
9 So it would've been a stop payment.

10 Correct.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: Right. I just
12 wanted to make sure that was done so that the
13 recipient, who got a replacement check can't also
14 --

15 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I'll verify that
16 tomorrow.

17 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. And that was
18 check 41415.

19 Then, I had a question about 41447,
20 which was for a laser tape measure, which I
21 understand the need for, but I thought the cost
22 was still pretty high.

23 That was -- was that Lowe's?

24 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes.

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Right.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: That was -- I'm not
2 finding it quickly on here.

3 CHIEF SPIEGEL: It was a hundred and
4 seventy something.

5 DIRECTOR GANS: Is that what it
6 was?

7 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, seventy-four.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Never mind. That's
9 not too high. I -- I asked what it was. Now,
10 that -- that's not too high for --

11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: A professional
12 grade.

13 DIRECTOR GANS: Well, professional
14 grade. One that's going to be used all the time,
15 not just occasionally.

16 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Right.

17 DIRECTOR GANS: So, I understand.
18 And I understand the need for it.

19 And then all the other questions
20 don't need to be brought up. There were
21 satisfactory answers.

22 And I got copies of these invoices
23 that I requested.

24 Those are all of my questions.

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Jean, do you have

1 any questions?

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I do not have
3 any specific questions, but I would say that I'm
4 always grateful for the questions you ask,
5 because I learn so much from reading those
6 responses. Thank you.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: You're welcome.

8 DIRECTOR HARRIS: And to ask every
9 possible question.

10 (General chuckles.)

11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have no
12 additional questions, other than those that were
13 already addressed in the email.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

15 DIRECTOR HARRIS: In reviewing these
16 disbursements, they appear to be reasonable and
17 necessary in the conduct of the District's
18 business.

19 Chief Spiegel, were these checks
20 prepared per your recommendation?

21 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, they were.

22 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Do they violate
23 any state bidding statutes, or (static
24 interference).

25 CHIEF SPIEGEL: None that I'm aware

1 of.

2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I make a motion
3 that we accept the disbursements as prepared.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: I will second the
5 motion.

6 Any further discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

10 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

12 Motion passes three to nothing.

13 Anything else?

14 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Just one small
15 item. I would make note of the fact that on this
16 date in 1965 Lieutenant Frank Reasoner of (static
17 interference) Idaho in action in Vietnam that --
18 that cost him his life, was, in fact, the first
19 Marine recipient of the Congressional Medal of
20 Honor in Vietnam.

21 Unfortunately, not the last.

22 And that concludes the Treasurer's
23 Report.

24 DIRECTOR GANS: I was alive during
25 that one.

1 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Exactly.

2 (General chuckles.)

3 DIRECTOR GANS: Thank you.

4 DIRECTOR HARRIS: As was I.

5 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

6 Next is the Chief's Report.

7 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir. Item A.,

8 I wanted to bring to the Boards attention that we
9 have been contacted by the ISO organization and
10 we are scheduled to have a review, an ISO review
11 December the 4th, of this year.

12 The last time we had an ISO review
13 was in 2010 and we are currently rating for at
14 four.

15 That is a total rating throughout
16 the District.

17 The structure has changed with the
18 ISO program. They have multiple ratings that
19 would include watered areas and non-watered
20 areas.

21 So we expect two different scores.

22 Is that correct?

23 (No audible response.)

24 CHIEF SPIEGEL: We expect two
25 different scores for the outcome.

1 Currently, we're at four.

2 We're striving and preparing to try
3 and get to a two, as the goal that we're trying
4 to achieve.

5 I included in your packet some
6 highlights of what's involved in an ISO review
7 and some of our strengths.

8 And on the back of that page is some
9 of the things that are some of our weaknesses.

10 So we are focusing our attention on
11 what best serves the Fire District, obviously,
12 but, also, those things that are -- that are time
13 worthwhile in -- in ISO scoring.

14 Obviously, those things should equal
15 each other, so, -- the efforts in training, for
16 instance.

17 Back in 2009, prior to our previous
18 score, we had documented over 12,000 hours in
19 training.

20 In 2017, you'll see that we
21 documented over 64,000 hours of training.

22 So, had we been scored in 2017, we
23 would've gotten maximum points in the training
24 division.

25 We -- we plan to duplicate that this

1 year, as well.

2 Our hose testing, our reserve
3 apparatus, the way it's equipped, as you notice
4 in previous budgets, we've been focusing on loose
5 equipment.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes.

7 CHIEF SPIEGEL: And that is to
8 equipment our front line and reserve equipment,
9 which will benefit ISO as well as, obviously, our
10 crews.

11 So that's the status we're at, right
12 now.

13 The -- the battalion chiefs and the
14 command staff are working well with the -- with
15 the on-duty personnel to get this accomplished.

16 Any questions?

17 DIRECTOR GANS: So, I recall 2010,
18 going through the process.

19 Robin, you were here, as well. I'm
20 not sure you were as keyed into it, at the time.

21 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I -- I do
22 remember, because we had one up that had been on-
23 going but it looked as though it would be an
24 extraordinary cost and very little to know actual
25 benefit, either to the District or the ISO score

1 that I believe we terminated because of the bang-
2 for-the-buck, so to speak, and focus on other
3 areas that would enhance safety service and our
4 ISO rating for a good return on our money and
5 time.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: So, I remember
7 being disappointed in 2010, because the
8 expectation, I think across the Board was that
9 our rating would improve.

10 It was a four before that. Right?

11 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I believe that's
12 correct.

13 DIRECTOR GANS: And we really felt
14 as if we had made the changes necessary to get a
15 better rating.

16 I -- I -- I don't know exact -- I
17 don't recall exactly what we thought we should've
18 had, but we were disappointed in the end.

19 The Board was, the staff was, that
20 we ended up with a four. Not that a four is a
21 bad score.

22 In St. Louis County, that would be
23 in the average range, I think. Maybe above
24 average. But, --

25 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I have not compared

1 that.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah. But, there
3 were -- there are some that have quite a -- a
4 quite a bit better score that are very similar to
5 us. Neighboring districts.

6 And we were quite surprised, based
7 on, you know, even comparing ourselves.

8 So, I -- I -- I like the fact we
9 have a target of a two. I think that a target of
10 a -- of a one is even better, but I, again, will
11 be disappointed if can't improve it by at least
12 one point, one rating point.

13 And I also recall when we went
14 through the process in '10 that there was a
15 greater emphasis on insurance rates for
16 residences that I thought went away, that this
17 one has more to do with commercial rates than
18 residential rates.

19 CHIEF SPIEGEL: That's my
20 understanding, too.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah. So, of
22 course, the -- you know, our businesses are
23 extremely important and we want to make sure that
24 we help them get as good a rate on insurance as
25 they can, including ourselves. We buy insurance.

1 The District. And on behalf of the taxpayers.

2 So, who -- who is heading up this
3 effort?

4 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Chief Crews. The
5 representative from ISO is Mister Alsop.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

7 CHIEF SPIEGEL: And Chief Crews has
8 established communication and, also, with -- with
9 other -- he will coordinate the other entities,
10 like the water company and all of those things
11 required.

12 So, I'm -- I'm hopeful to improve
13 our score.

14 All I can tell the Board is that
15 command staff, the battalion chiefs and the on-
16 duty personnel are working hard.

17 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

18 CHIEF SPIEGEL: So we'll see how
19 things are.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: So, is -- is Chief
21 Crews in charge of the whole ISO effort?

22 Lc: Yes. But it is a collective
23 effort of a lot of people and, you know, I cannot
24 take full credit.

25 Robin Echele is --

1 (Cross talk.)
2 DIRECTOR GANS: (not
3 understandable)
4 Lc: No.
5 (General chuckles.)
6 Lc: But, I mean, well, here, there's
7 been a tremendous amount of work done, so, the
8 numbers will tell and speak for themselves.
9 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.
10 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I want to mention
11 the fact the Fire Prevention Bureau and
12 specifically Neal Brockmiller is teaching us all
13 about ISO (not clear) and he's doing a stellar
14 job and good support from Roger's group.
15 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. So, is -- I
16 guess I'm looking for someone being a point
17 person that --
18 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Chief Crews.
19 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. So, I'm
20 looking forward to getting, perhaps, a couple of
21 more reports before they come in and do the
22 inspection about our progress, the things from
23 the back page that we've done, in our -- in an
24 effort to improve our test scores when they come
25 to test.

1 CHIEF SPIEGEL: We'll keep you
2 informed.

3 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Thank you.

4 CHIEF SPIEGEL: You have a question?

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I just have one.

6 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am.

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Is the two
8 ambitious as the other six?

9 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Three is -- I think
10 it's realistic with the efforts that are going
11 on.

12 We -- we've had some comparable with
13 other districts, so -- but, it's -- it's -- I'm
14 not going to go out on a limb.

15 I'll just let you all know we're
16 working real hard to achieve a two.

17 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

18 CHIEF SPIEGEL: So a one? I would
19 like a one as well, but with our non-water days,
20 that would be ambitious.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

22 CHIEF SPIEGEL: So that's why the
23 one, two system.

24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

25 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Because there's some

1 things we can't -- we can't achieve.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Is Wild Horse Creek
3 Road gonna be fixed by the time they come?

4 (General chuckles.)

5 CHIEF SPIEGEL: We're prepared for
6 Wild Horse Creek Road closure.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: But, that won't be
8 going on when ISO is here, though.

9 CHIEF SPIEGEL: No, that's December.
10 That's a Monday detailer.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: Between that and
12 Conway, they -- they would come, they -- I would
13 wonder how they're covering these -- these areas.

14 CHIEF SPIEGEL: They keep (static
15 interference).

16 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah, you're right.
17 (Severe static interference.)

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Rick?

19 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes.

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (severe static)

21 DIRECTOR GANS: She wants you to
22 talk closer to your mic.

23 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh. Sorry. Is
24 that better?

25 (Severe static)

1 MS. LONG: The static is severe.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah, I hear
3 static, too.

4 Les, I hear static from the
5 speakers.

6 All right. So, are we finished with
7 that topic?

8 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.
10 Continue, please.

11 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Fire Marshal Herin
12 is here.

13 Budgeted for 2018 was fire alarm system upgrades
14 for three of our properties.

15 I included in our packet the
16 proposals from Tech Electronics. It's a
17 proprietary, so that is our provider. So.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: That was in what we
19 got emailed.

20 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: Not what we got at
22 our place.

23 CHIEF SPIEGEL: It was emailed to
24 you. I'm sorry. That's right.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: It wasn't part of

1 the Board packet, was it?

2 CHIEF SPIEGEL: No.

3 DIRECTOR GANS: I remember seeing
4 it. I went through it.

5 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I did. I sent it in
6 an email.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: I'd like to say I
8 read every word, but I read some of the words.
9 There were too many.

10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: There were.

11 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Well, I --

12 DIRECTOR GANS: But I figured that
13 someone would explain it to us. And here we go.

14 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Okay. What
15 we're doing is replacing the fire alarm systems
16 that are out of date.

17 There is one, particularly here at
18 Head Quarters. It was an old system and soon we
19 will not be able to get parts for it, so we're
20 taking the initiative to have it upgraded to meet
21 all of the newer codes and to service us better
22 without failures.

23 We're doing the same thing at House
24 Five and Maintenance and the long -- the mid to
25 long-range plan is to -- to do all of them,

1 eventually.

2 But, the one that's touching House
3 Four is new enough that it doesn't need to be
4 replaced for some time. It'll be on the tail end
5 of all of it.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. That --
7 that was July 9th, we got an email of all of those
8 details from --

9 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Right.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: -- (not clear) and
11 from Tech.

12 So, I -- I guess, I -- I was
13 surprised -- we passed a budget that included
14 this. I wasn't totally surprised, --

15 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Right.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: -- but, since that
17 was last summer and here we are now, I don't
18 remember the extent of this.

19 So, what -- what -- give us an
20 example of what has changed.

21 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: As far as code
22 --

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes.

24 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: We're required
25 to have a certificated system, which means that

1 it is certificated through "UL". Particularly
2 "UL" for us.

3 It's a better system of monitoring
4 the fire alarm system. Not only monitoring it
5 for fire calls, but also for service and
6 reliability.

7 It has to pass certain inspections
8 and testing that un-certificated systems don't.

9 It holds the service contractor to
10 a higher standard. That -- that's one aspect of
11 it.

12 The other thing is, it'll be
13 addressable, so that when an alarm happens, when
14 a device activates, you can see on the panel and
15 the dispatching agency will -- will be able to
16 tell where it is and what it is, rather than
17 right now, it's just a general pylon.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. And is this
19 a requirement of all businesses?

20 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Yes. Particu-
21 larly when they're replacing them.

22 Ours are being replaced and the main
23 reason for the replacement is the age of the
24 system.

25 But, when they're replaced, they

1 have to be upgraded to this certification.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. And that
3 would be true of all --

4 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Yeah.

5 DIRECTOR GANS: -- businesses of
6 the District.

7 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Yes, sir.

8 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Okay. Do we get
9 bonus points for having a fire truck in each of
10 our locations that is staffed and ready to go?

11 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: No, because
12 they go out on calls. However, --

13 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I know I just --

14 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: -- I think
15 what we -- what we need to do is to look to our
16 insurance company, whoever insures us, and see if
17 they'll give us a break for having a certificate.
18 Many times they do.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. And that
20 would be the same with businesses all --

21 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Yeah.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: -- through -- all
23 through the District.

24 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Yes. We agree.
25 There have been businesses that have told us that

1 they've gotten somewhat of a discount having a
2 certificated system.

3 DIRECTOR GANS: So, -- and I -- so
4 I read in here about the enunciation at the panel
5 and scratched my head that at the moment sounds
6 the idea is to go out, not go to the panel.

7 Is that repeated anywhere? Is there
8 -- once you're out, or, if you smell smoke and
9 the enunciated panel is right there, --

10 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Well, --

11 DIRECTOR GANS: -- what good does
12 that do?

13 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: -- our policy,
14 when an alarm activates, our policy is to keep
15 (not clear) at the building and the chief officer
16 would go and look at the panel and see where the
17 problem is.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

19 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: And, right now,
20 we have to go through the whole building to find
21 out where the problem is, whereas, after the
22 replacement of the system, we'll be able to go to
23 the panel and pinpoint it and go check to see if
24 there's a problem.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: So, using a

1 residential alarm, as an example, the one where
2 I live, where I do have -- if I get information
3 at the panel, where the alarm is sounding,
4 burglar and fire, but I also get it on my phone.
5 It's sent to my phone and if I'm not home, --

6 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Hm-hm.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: -- or, if I am
8 home, it doesn't matter, I'm able to get out and
9 see it.

10 Is that going to be the case here?

11 Can it be the case?

12 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: (Static inter-
13 ference.)

14 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

15 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: I'll look into
16 that.

17 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. That would
18 seem like as long as we're doing this, I would
19 guess not much of an add-on (severe static
20 interference) so no one is assigned to go to the
21 area -- you know, if the fire is where the panel
22 is, that's not a good thing.

23 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: But, that would
24 be pretty evident.

25 One of -- one of the additions that

1 we have to upgrade is to put a smoke -- a smoke
2 detector above the panel, --

3 DIRECTOR GANS: Hm-hm.

4 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: -- so if there
5 is a problem at the panel, one of the (not clear)
6 notification of that. That's a requirement (not
7 clear).

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Even further, and
9 I'm not trying to add to the expenses. It's way
10 too expensive to begin with, but, the -- the home
11 in which I live has alarms that even will talk
12 and tell you where the fire is.

13 I get it on my phone and they all
14 start barking out, "Smoke detected in the
15 kitchen. Smoke detected in the kitchen."

16 And we are aware, that's where we
17 want to look to see is it real or false.

18 But it's also where we don't want to
19 go if we smell any smoke, we know where that's
20 coming from.

21 So, again, something maybe to ask
22 about.

23 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: I will. I
24 don't know of any commercial systems that have
25 that capability, but I'll look up (not clear)

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

2 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: I would like to
3 point out, also, that the cost is somewhat below
4 what we budgeted for our capital. (Not clear) in
5 case we need an electrical contractor to do
6 something for the alarm system, or our sprinkler,
7 or anything like that and add it to it, so we've
8 got a little bit of a cushion for that.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. I still like
10 his idea of telling 'em we have a fire truck in
11 every building.

12 DIRECTOR HARRIS: It was my subtle
13 attempt at humor.

14 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Yeah.

15 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Because I was
16 aware, we could actually have all of our
17 personnel out of the District responding to a
18 major event.

19 Or, hopefully, not all, but most.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

21 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Is that it?

22 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Actually, who --
23 I'm assuming this is a monitored system?

24 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Yes.

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Then who monitors?

1 Is that a local organization, or, --

2 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Yes. The
3 monitoring agency is on Hanley Road. I think
4 it's --

5 DIRECTOR GANS: Where Tech is?

6 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: It's --

7 DIRECTOR GANS: Tech Electrons is?

8 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: -- monitored
9 by Tech Electronics Monitoring Agency.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

11 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: All right?

12 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Thanks.

13 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Thank you.

14 CHIEF SPIEGEL: We need to make a
15 motion to --

16 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah, I guess so.
17 That'll help us.

18 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Headquarters. House
19 Five. Maintenance.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: House Five,
21 Maintenance.

22 May these motions be -- may this be
23 one motion all three?

24 MISTER HOFFMAN: Yes. There -- is
25 all of bidding together?

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Well, it's not --

2 CHIEF SPIEGEL: (not audible)

3 DIRECTOR GANS: -- in.

4 CHIEF SPIEGEL: It's a proprietary

5 --

6 MISTER HOFFMAN: It's proprietary.

7 Okay. I haven't seen it.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Oh. Have you not
9 reviewed the document?

10 MISTER HOFFMAN: (inaudible)

11 DIRECTOR GANS: No. That was
12 pretty much a no.

13 MISTER HOFFMAN: Yeah.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: May we wait on this
15 until the next meeting? Is there any reason we
16 can't?

17 (No audible response.)

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Oh, you have to go
19 up and answer. Sorry. I know you're new here.

20 (General laughter.)

21 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: I -- I think we
22 can.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. There you
24 go. We'll take this up at the next meeting.

25 FIRE MARSHAL HERIN: Thank you.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

2 And there'll be an Attorney's Report
3 at the next meeting.

4 DIRECTOR MILLNER: And how you did
5 it.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: You're not talking
7 loud enough and I get looked at, every time you
8 talk.

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (inaudible) I'm
10 not good at that.

11 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Okay. The final
12 item I have is the -- the current manager of our
13 email system is Central County and that's going
14 to come to a close in December.

15 So we have been looking for
16 alternatives for our email server.

17 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes.

18 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I sent you all the
19 prices that have been quoted through Moore and
20 then the current I.T. people we use.

21 So, the name -- Interstate, is it?

22 (Cross talk)

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Don.

24 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Don, yes.

25 So, I guess my question to the Board

1 is, this is pretty much time to transfer
2 addresses and time to archive previous emails and
3 then the licenser is pretty much a constant.

4 So, given the prices to do this, I
5 would recommend that we just hire Don to complete
6 these tasks.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: So, let's talk
8 about this.

9 We are going to move from this --
10 from being hosted at Central County with the
11 proprietary email protect that I have big
12 opinions about, being a Central County rep, that
13 it's highly overpriced, with poor service.

14 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Which I said
16 publicly there.

17 And removing each -- each district
18 and department is moving to its own email server.

19 We're not the only one.

20 Central County will get out of that
21 business, which they need to get out of.

22 So, each of the quotes we received
23 are for using Microsoft Office 365 as the hosting
24 entity.

25 CHIEF SPIEGEL: That's correct.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: I'm familiar with
2 it. I can tell you, from experience, they do a
3 good job.

4 I can tell you, from experience,
5 when we transitioned, in my business, from our
6 own server to Office 365, we also used a company
7 to do it.

8 It went pretty smoothly and I agree
9 that someone familiar with our operation and our
10 current email program would -- would really be a
11 much better choice.

12 I know that from experience.

13 So, I agree, Intellectual
14 Development for approximately less -- for less
15 than half, almost a third the price is the -- is
16 -- is the one to go with.

17 So I know them as "Don."

18 Does anyone work with Don?

19 (No oral response.)

20 DIRECTOR GANS: Do we know?

21 (No oral response.)

22 DIRECTOR GANS: I know the person
23 who works with Don isn't here.

24 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I --

25 DIRECTOR GANS: I've talked with

1 Don before.

2 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I don't know if he
3 has employees with his company that -- he works
4 very well with Jim --

5 DIRECTOR GANS: Right.

6 CHIEF SPIEGEL: -- McKay.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. And we're
8 looking to do this when?

9 CHIEF SPIEGEL: They would like to
10 start as soon as possible. It'll take a couple
11 of months to transfer addresses and to archive
12 previous emails.

13 DIRECTOR GANS: Hm-hm.

14 CHIEF SPIEGEL: So we'd like a
15 little bit of margin to make sure the system is
16 working.

17 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. I guess I
18 have a little bit of worry about a one man
19 company. For no reason other than it's one
20 person.

21 And if we are in the middle of it,
22 or something goes wrong early on, where he has a
23 lot of knowledge that hasn't been transferred to
24 our people here that there's some kind of a
25 backup.

1 So, I'm okay with this, but I'd like
2 to find out who's doing this for our neighboring
3 districts and maybe share our resources, so that
4 there's -- each has a backup, in case something
5 happens to our person.

6 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I researched with
7 Central County.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes?

9 CHIEF SPIEGEL: And Central County's
10 familiar with Intellectual --

11 DIRECTOR GANS: Hm-hm.

12 CHIEF SPIEGEL: -- and they
13 recommended Don, as well.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: Right.

15 CHIEF SPIEGEL: So that was a good
16 reference.

17 They are using Microsoft 356, as
18 well, and they've -- they've made that transfer.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

20 Let's just work on having someone
21 else who is prepared to step in our company --
22 prepared to step in if something would happen to
23 Don during the process, or right after we switch
24 over, instead of (not clear due to coughing)
25 support.

1 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I've heard Rick --
2 Rick Gans could (coughing continues) step in, if
3 need be, at no cost to the District.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: You heard wrong.
5 (General chuckles.)

6 DIRECTOR GANS: He could do it, but
7 the cost is one the District couldn't afford.

8 So, then I will make a motion to
9 engage Intellectual Development to transition the
10 Monarch Fire Protection District email accounts
11 and system to Microsoft Office 365 to begin soon,
12 at a cost not to exceed \$9,600.00, with the work
13 to be completed by December 31st, 2018, preferably
14 sooner.

15 Do I hear a second?

16 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Second.

17 DIRECTOR GANS: Discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

21 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

23 Motion passes three to nothing.

24 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Thank you. That's
25 all I have.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

2 Attorney's Report.

3 MISTER HOFFMAN: I do not have
4 anything this evening.

5 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

6 DIRECTOR HARRIS: But, you will, at
7 the next meeting. Correct?

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes.

9 MISTER HOFFMAN: I will.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: So, at the next
11 meeting, we'll have an Attorney's Report.

12 And, so, is there any New Business,
13 besides the two items that were tabled?

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have nothing.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Any
16 Unfinished Business?

17 (No response.)

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Hearing none, the
19 agenda for tonight's meeting, the tentative
20 agenda, includes a Closed session and I make a
21 motion to go into Closed session pursuant to
22 Missouri Revised Statute 610.021, One, Legal
23 Actions and Advice; Two, Purchase of Real Estate;
24 -- you may have to take over.

25 (Referring to coughing.)

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Three, Personnel
2 Matters; Nine, Employee Groups and Negotiations;
3 Thirteen, Personnel Records and Nineteen,
4 Security.

5 Do I hear a second?

6 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Second.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: Discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

13 Motion passes three to nothing.

14 We are in recess and off the record
15 and going into Closed session.

16 Thank you.

17 *(Minutes recorded by the Monarch Fire*
18 *Protection District and transcribed by Virginia*
19 *L. Long.)*

20 (Whereupon, at 7:35 P.M., the Board entered
21 into a Closed Meeting, returning to the Open
22 Meeting at 8:26 P.M., with Minutes taken by
23 Attorney Hoffman.)

24 Director Gans stated that one vote
25 was taken during the Closed Meeting and will be

1 made available in compliance with the Missouri
2 Sunshine Law.

3 With no further business to discuss,
4 Director Gans made a motion to adjourn the Open
5 Meeting, seconded by Director Millner.

6 Director Gans, Director Millner and
7 Director Harris each voted "Aye" to the motion
8 for adjournment.

9 At 8:28 P.M. the Meeting was
10 adjourned and off the record.

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12 (A full copy of the Original Minutes may be
13 seen at the Monarch Fire Protection District's
14 Headquarters.)

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