

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF THE MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI,  
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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 Wednesday, September 5, 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 Crews  
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 HARRIS: 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: All right. That  
was really bad.

(General chuckles)

DIRECTOR HARRIS: Was I too loud?

DIRECTOR MILLNER: No. It was a  
little like a "round" song.

DIRECTOR GANS: All right. We hope  
the rest of the meeting goes better than that.

(General laughter.)

DIRECTOR GANS: Approval of  
Agenda.

Are there any changes to the agenda,  
tonight?

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have nothing.

CHIEF SPIEGEL: I have nothing.

1 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have nothing.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. I -- I  
3 do note that a revised agenda was posted today  
4 and there were some items added under Secretary  
5 and Chief's Report.

6 Is that correct?

7 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. It was  
9 posted, but I did want to point that out.

10 Citizen Comments?

11 (No response.)

12 DIRECTOR GANS: It looks like no  
13 one's here to comment, as a citizen, so we move  
14 on to the President's Report.

15 I have asked for a couple of reports  
16 of recent events, occurrences.

17 And starting off with our assistant  
18 chief, if you could give us a brief overview of  
19 the deployment that you had a few weeks ago, Les.

20 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: All right.  
21 I think everybody's aware that the hurricane that  
22 took place, Hurricane Lane down in Hawaii that  
23 deployed out of the I.S.T. team members.

24 What an I.S.T. member is, just for  
25 a brief explanation is, when they send out the

1 urban circulation team, they send out a command  
2 and control element to help coordinate and  
3 oversee the evacuation.

4 So, that's how I wound up there.

5 I -- I left Wednesday and I got back  
6 a week later, so it was Wednesday to Wednesday  
7 was the total deploy able event.

8 I got the call here, roughly, about  
9 eleven o'clock and about two o'clock I was on the  
10 airplane in route to Oahu, or, Honolulu, Hawaii.

11 I think everybody; I don't need to  
12 do the world geography thing, but if you look at  
13 the screen, the islands that you got the main  
14 activity there was Kauai, Oahu, here in the  
15 center, then Maui, each strategically.

16 And the initial placement of the  
17 three teams that were sent out were sent to  
18 Kauai, Oahu and Honolulu area, because at that  
19 point in time, when they was looking at the cone  
20 of probability of the hurricane, these big  
21 islands did not fit in the assets initially.

22 So those were the -- the three,  
23 based on the predictions.

24 And any time you're dealing with  
25 Mother Nature, you're throwing a dart at the map

1 and dealing with that wavering tone of  
2 possibility.

3 So, the three teams that were there,  
4 again, were on Kauai, Oahu and then the Island of  
5 Maui.

6 Over a course of four or five days,  
7 those teams were stationed there, then when the  
8 main activity actually took place on the Island  
9 of Hawaii, which nobody was at, so then there was  
10 the leap-frogging from island to island to get  
11 'em from where they were at to where they  
12 eventually needed to be.

13 One thing of -- of significance,  
14 that was kind of interesting, on the Island of  
15 Maui, which one of the teams was there two days  
16 before the hurricane even got close, they had a  
17 wild land fire there that was about 2500 acres in  
18 size, so they wound up helping the local  
19 response-ability there with helping the  
20 suppression activities of the wild land fire,  
21 before the hurricane hit, and assisted them with  
22 that.

23 After that was done, they leap-  
24 frogged all of the teams down to the big Island  
25 of Hawaii and they assisted the -- the state and

1 the local authorities there with coordinating  
2 their responses and doing that.

3 Just to give you a quick snapshot,  
4 without spending a lot of time and a lot of  
5 explanation, the layer that you look at here; and  
6 I'm just gonna pretty much jump to the Island of  
7 Maui, right now.

8 As I zoom in, when they were there,  
9 and all of the symbols that I'm about to show you  
10 were from the wide area search activities that  
11 the -- the team that was assigned to there and  
12 all of these are as a result of the wild land  
13 fire.

14 During that search activity, they  
15 searched a total of 99 different structures.  
16 That's what all of these symbols represented  
17 here.

18 And due to the fire they had 74 of  
19 those structures were totally destroyed as a  
20 result of the fire and then the remaining symbols  
21 here.

22 So, when you look at actually the  
23 number of structures that was totally destroyed,  
24 more than that destroyed as a result of the fire  
25 that took place, instead of the hurricane that

1 just come through their back yard.

2 And when you jump down over to the  
3 big Island of Hawaii, like I said, once they  
4 leap-frogged, the aspects and most of that was  
5 done by a combination of the Department of  
6 Defense aircraft and commercial airlines, it  
7 depends on who was the most -- the most  
8 available, is how they move them from point A to  
9 point B; how they got their assigned areas and  
10 they were looking at the more heavily populated  
11 impacted areas that were there.

12 And, you know, again, just looking  
13 at all of the symbols, those are the actual  
14 number of doorsteps, or areas of interest that  
15 they touched base on.

16 So, in some -- on the Island of  
17 Hawaii, they -- they reached out and they went to  
18 1,751 stretchers, 18 of which of those were  
19 damaged, five of them were completely destroyed.

20 They assisted numerous people.

21 There were roughly 54 people that  
22 stayed there and rode the storm out in those  
23 houses and the different vehicles and then they  
24 marked for the local authorities of all the  
25 driveways and roadways that were washed out as a

1 result of the flood, which there was 608 of those  
2 areas that the roads were completely washed.

3 So, I guess, to summarize it up,  
4 there was a great response.

5 Fortunately, they -- they dodged the  
6 bullet, because if you look at the cone that I  
7 showed you a little bit earlier, this is pretty  
8 much true. This -- this was as of Wednesday, but  
9 the storm, when it actually finished up, Mother  
10 Nature did Hawaii -- Hawaii a big favor, in a  
11 kind of (not clear) here to the left.

12 So, they actually dodged the bullet.

13 So it was not as bad as what it  
14 could have been.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Was most of the  
16 damage rain, flooding, or wind, or a combination?

17 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: I'm gonna  
18 say the biggest part of the damage, obviously,  
19 was the -- the flooding and -- and primarily on  
20 the Island of Hawaii.

21 And so flooding was probably the  
22 bigger problem.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. And how many  
24 personnel were there under the command that you  
25 were assisting with?

1 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: Each one of  
2 the teams, well, they sent two different types.

3 There was two, what they call a Type  
4 One Team, which is 80 personnel that responds out  
5 and then the other one was a 35 person team.

6 And then the Incident Support Team,  
7 that I was a part of, that's a group of about 25  
8 people total.

9 And once -- once they got there,  
10 then at that point in time, there was still  
11 additional people.

12 They send out what they -- they  
13 refer to as an Advanced Team, which is like six  
14 or seven people.

15 And then once the hurricane jumped  
16 up to a Category Four, there for a while, they  
17 got a little nervous and sent more people. So  
18 they bumped that up to 25.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: So, did you move  
20 around, or were you stationed in Honolulu?

21 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: I was in  
22 Honolulu the whole time.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. All right.  
24 Any other questions for Les?

25 (No response.)

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Thank you.

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay, thank you  
3 for doing that.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: The second thing  
5 that I asked for was a brief summary of the  
6 Safety Day event that took place. Whoever can  
7 give that.

8 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Les is prepared to  
9 do that.

10 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: Okay. The  
11 2018 Safety Fair, obviously, happened on August  
12 11<sup>th</sup>.

13 The time frame was between ten  
14 o'clock and two o'clock p.m.

15 They estimated, roughly, about 300  
16 people in attendance and Roger put down that the  
17 weather cooperated nicely, which, they did not  
18 get rain, but it was a little excessive on the  
19 heat out there.

20 And everybody that participated,  
21 from the Fire Prevention Bureau to the  
22 firefighters, it was a C-Shift date, everybody  
23 did a phenomenal job.

24 Now, when you talk about the weather  
25 cooperating nice, I had to jump to this next

1 slide, I think you're going to have a hard time  
2 convincing anybody that brought in one of these  
3 "adiation" hats after they're standing out there  
4 in a seven "Omax" coveralls, it wasn't as nice as  
5 it could've been.

6 But, they had an assortment of aero-  
7 medical helicopters, ARCH, St. Louis County  
8 Police brought their helicopter out.

9 "Aero" Vac also had one.

10 And then the Cardinal Glennons  
11 Childrens' Hospital had their's.

12 So we had a total of four  
13 helicopters that lined up in the back part of the  
14 main driveway leading into the event.

15 Had a new tanker out there, 2223,  
16 headed on the static display.

17 The heavy hauler, the -- the heavy  
18 rescue truck that used to be out here that's  
19 currently up at Four was also on display.

20 Twenty-Two-Eighteen, our all terrain  
21 vehicle that's currently kept out at House One,  
22 another static display.

23 We also had the UAV's on static  
24 display.

25 We had one tent where there was a

1 CPR demonstration and allowed a little bit of  
2 interaction between the people manning the -- the  
3 booth and the actual citizens who were coming up  
4 to view it.

5 The Marine assets, 2269 and 2279 are  
6 the two boats and the tow vehicle.

7 Twenty-Two-Forty-Two was a real  
8 popular hit. They were doing rides in the bucket  
9 and there was never a time that I looked over  
10 there that there wasn't a line or somebody  
11 waiting.

12 So, a big hit.

13 We need to raise the admission  
14 prices on that one.

15 (General chuckles.)

16 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: We had an  
17 area where the -- the smaller children could come  
18 up and view the booster line under the guidance  
19 of one of the firefighters that were there,  
20 simulating and hitting the target.

21 The treat of the day was free snow  
22 cones, a cart; Neil Brockmueller, one of the Fire  
23 Prevention Bureau's, Jim McKay, delivering water  
24 to everybody and then there's the -- the  
25 "reverse" side of the bucket ride.

1                   Also had a little bit of a game.  
2       These are a pressurized water extinguisher,  
3       simulating a fire in the various different  
4       buildings that allowed the children to actually  
5       use the extinguisher and -- and spray it on a  
6       simulated building.

7                   Lots of smiling faces.

8                   The Fire Prevention Bureau had a --  
9       a table set up with all of their publications.

10                  Also did a live burn demonstration  
11       with this trailer set up side-by-side with and  
12       without sprinklers.

13                  Obviously, and I think everybody  
14       probably knows the answer, the building, or the  
15       section of that trailer to the right was the  
16       building, portion of the building that had no  
17       sprinklers.

18                  So, it -- the message sells itself.

19                  DIRECTOR GANS:   Where did that come  
20       from?

21                  ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS:   Oh, the  
22       sprinklers, fitters and the group in our Fire  
23       Prevention -- or the Fire Marshal's Association  
24       kinda partner in that and, you know, seeing is  
25       believing.

1                   You know, when -- when you do it  
2 there, like I say, when you light off both fires,  
3 side-by-side, in the -- the one where -- where  
4 there's no protection, like I said, it -- it  
5 speaks for itself.

6                   DIRECTOR GANS:     Okay.

7                   ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS:  And, again,  
8 just another opportunity for some of the -- the  
9 smaller kids to -- to use the hose and let 'em  
10 flow some water.

11                   And that's it.

12                   DIRECTOR GANS:  All right.     Very  
13 good.

14                   Thank you, very much.

15                   That concludes the President's  
16 Report.

17                   On to the Secretary's Report.

18                   DIRECTOR MILLNER:     Alrighty.  I  
19 have lots of Minutes that need approval.

20                   I move for the approval of Open  
21 Minutes, Open Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2018,  
22 August 13, 2018 and August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

23                   DIRECTOR GANS:     Second the motion.

24                   Any discussion?

25                   (No response.)

1 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

3 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

5 Motion passes three to nothing.

6 By the way, the voice you hear is  
7 Director Harris. He's on an Ipad here.

8 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I would also  
9 move for the approval of Closed Meeting Minutes  
10 for the same dates, August 9, 2018, August 13,  
11 2018 and August 24, 2018.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: I will second the  
13 motion.

14 Any further discussion?

15 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

17 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

18 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

20 Motion passes three to nothing.

21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: All right. My  
22 second piece of business is, I believe we have  
23 one bid for Directors and Officers Liability  
24 Insurance.

25 CHIEF SPIEGEL: That's it.

1                   DIRECTOR MILLNER:        Okay.     The  
2     vendor on this is Smith McGehee.

3                   And the bid was received sealed.

4                   CHIEF SPIEGEL:    That's right.

5                   DIRECTOR MILLNER:    Oh, I'm sorry.  
6     I haven't finished yet.

7                   Chief, was this bid received on time  
8     and sealed?

9                   CHIEF SPIEGEL:    Yes, ma'am, it was.

10                  DIRECTOR MILLNER:    Thank you.

11                  Okay.   I'm going to open it.

12                  Okay, this is a response to the  
13     broker's services RFP, so there should not be a  
14     dollar amount on this.   Correct?

15                  CHIEF SPIEGEL:    That's correct.

16                  DIRECTOR MILLNER:    Okay.   And we  
17     have what appears to be --

18                  CHIEF SPIEGEL:    There should be five  
19     copies.

20                  DIRECTOR MILLNER:    -- to be four,  
21     five identical copies.

22                  DIRECTOR GANS:     All right.   So,  
23     summarizing what this is, I -- if I may, it  
24     should be a description of the services,  
25     capabilities, staffing that could be provided as

1 the broker for Director and -- and Officers  
2 Insurance.

3 CHIEF SPIEGEL: That's correct.

4

5 DIRECTOR GANS: And, as a broker,  
6 it's their job to solicit, evaluate and recommend  
7 a insurance company to provide the actual  
8 insurance.

9 This is our current broker. Is that  
10 correct?

11 CHIEF SPIEGEL: It is. Yes.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. And it's the  
13 only bid we received. Okay.

14 I will still ask you to evaluate it  
15 and to -- I'm taking your place here.

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No, you're fine.

17 DIRECTOR GANS: To evaluate it and  
18 make sure it meets the criteria that we need for  
19 a broker.

20 It should, but, just to make sure  
21 that there's nothing missing or answers that are  
22 not ones that we would expect and then report  
23 back to the Board so we can formally accept it at  
24 a future meeting.

25 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Sir, I will do that.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I approve what  
3 he said.

4 (General chuckles.)

5 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Michelle, do we have  
6 any time restraints? Is the -- the 12<sup>th</sup> --

7 DIRECTOR GANS: Are you working on  
8 anything else?

9 MS. DEPEW: (not clear)

10 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Our premium is due  
11 mid-October, I believe.

12 MS. DEPEW: (not clear)

13 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Okay. Okay.

14 We'll get back to you with a  
15 recommendation.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.  
17 Anything else on the Secretary's Report?

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: You don't  
19 anticipate any issues with that?

20 CHIEF SPIEGEL: I do not.

21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

22 No, sir, that concludes my report.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

24 On to the Treasurer's Report.

25 Director Harris, would you like me

1 to handle that?

2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: If you would be so  
3 kind.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

5 We have disbursements tonight in the  
6 amount of \$380,667.05 for the period.

7 We have seven checks over the amount  
8 of \$5,000.00, which are, American Response  
9 Vehicles for the delivery of a new ambulance  
10 number 2217. Check number 41660 in the amount of  
11 \$255,550.00.

12 We have a check to Tech Electronics  
13 check number 401717 (sic) in the amount of  
14 \$25,484.50.

15 This is for fire alarms, new fire  
16 alarm systems as was approved by previous bids  
17 for House Five and Headquarters.

18 Is that correct?

19 MS. DEPEW: (not clear)

20 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

21 A check to Sentinel Emergency  
22 Solutions, check number 401711, (sic) in the  
23 amount of \$6,899.31.

24 And that is for a large purchase of  
25 protection equipment. Primarily, gloves.

1 I'm going slow, just to make sure I  
2 got these right.

3 Check number 41699 to Mediclaims, in  
4 the amount of \$10,074.57 and that is the fee for  
5 performing the EMS collections. That occurs  
6 every month.

7 Check number 41676 to ESO Solutions  
8 in the amount of \$8,995.00 and no cents.

9 And this is for -- I know I read  
10 this before. This is for software, reporting  
11 software.

12 Check number 41675 in the amount of  
13 \$5,967.81 to Energy Petroleum for the purchase of  
14 fuel.

15 And, finally, check number 41668 to  
16 Central County 911 in the amount of \$14,050.58  
17 for dispatch services.

18 This is remittance of tax collected.  
19 Are there any questions about these  
20 checks?

21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

22 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have none.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. And, as  
24 is the custom, I did submit a pretty large number  
25 of questions, this month. This check run.

1 I'll get to you in one sec.

2 The responses I received are copied  
3 to the Public File and some of them were checks  
4 that were just read off.

5 I do have a couple that I'm still  
6 going to review. Credit card purchases. But, I  
7 don't expect to find anything untoward.

8 I still will review them. If I find  
9 anything that doesn't look right, then I'll come  
10 back at the next meeting with that and we'll hold  
11 that check. We'll hold the checks.

12 Michelle, could you come in?

13 MS. DEPEW: I just went through  
14 corrections with Central County 911 and there's  
15 not deposits. It's actual parts and labor for  
16 equipment and then removals and installs for 2297  
17 and 2200.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

19 MS. DEPEW: So the 14,000 is not a  
20 remittance.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: Was that in our  
22 check register that we got?

23 MS. DEPEW: Yes. On page six.

24 DIRECTOR GANS: I missed it.

25 MS. DEPEW: (not clear)

1                   DIRECTOR GANS:    Okay.  I thought I  
2                   would've probably noted that.  So, thank you for  
3                   bringing that up.

4                   Do I -- if there's no other further  
5                   questions, in reviewing these disbursements, they  
6                   appear to be reasonable and necessary in the  
7                   conduct of the District business.

8                   Chief Spiegel, were these checks  
9                   prepared per your recommendation?

10                  CHIEF SPIEGEL:  Yes, they were.

11                  DIRECTOR HARRIS:  Do they violate  
12                  any state bidding statutes, or constitute  
13                  installment payments?

14                  CHIEF SPIEGEL:  None that I'm aware  
15                  of.

16                  DIRECTOR GANS:  I make a motion to  
17                  we accept the disbursements as prepared.

18                  DIRECTOR MILLNER:  I will second  
19                  that motion.

20                  DIRECTOR GANS:  Any discussion?

21                  (No response.)

22                  DIRECTOR GANS:  All in favor?

23                  DIRECTOR MILLNER:  Aye.

24                  DIRECTOR HARRIS:  Aye.

25                  DIRECTOR GANS:  Aye.

1 Motion passes.

2 And that does conclude the  
3 Treasurer's Report.

4 No discussion about history,  
5 tonight.

6 (General laughter.)

7 DIRECTOR GANS: And we'll have two  
8 new next time.

9 All right. On to the Chief's  
10 Report.

11 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir. Item A,  
12 we have had a "re-cute" problem with a -- a  
13 couple of our monitors, so Chief Harper is here  
14 to discuss it.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: This is a cute  
16 problem?

17 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: It's not a  
18 cute problem.

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Very cute.

20 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: It's a  
21 severely "accute" problem.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. All right.  
23 I misunderstood.

24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Adorable.

25 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Nick Harper,

1 Deputy Chief. EMS.

2 So, I am coming to the Board to talk  
3 to you, you know, to ask you to purchase two (not  
4 clear) monitors for this year, which we haven't  
5 done before.

6 We had two complete failures.

7 One was just -- just the age of the  
8 monitor and the other was a condition that (not  
9 clear) that the monitors appear to be in vehicles  
10 and (not clear).

11 And the repair on that -- on that  
12 (not clear) substantial and we have an  
13 opportunity coming up to (not clear) we're going  
14 to be just short of (not clear).

15 (Not clear) and we go out, if I was  
16 (not clear) absolutely go out (no clear) and some  
17 of these simply (not clear) and we use the  
18 monitors.

19 So a lot of ancillary pieces that  
20 cost thousands of dollars that we would (not  
21 clear) that we don't use anymore (not clear) to  
22 change the monitors.

23 That's probably the biggest part.  
24 And then training and making sure that everyone  
25 is comfortable with using these monitors (not

1 clear) which is a (not clear) for monitors so we  
2 hope this is (not clear) going to be (not clear)  
3 but (not clear) the operation of the monitors is  
4 different than what (not clear) too big of an  
5 impact (not clear)

6 Those are -- those are the reasons  
7 to stay away from (not clear) and -- and get more  
8 action or stay with Zoll. They do have (not  
9 clear) -- but we changed (not clear)

10 So my long -- short term and mid-  
11 term goal was to have all of these monitors (not  
12 clear) so further down the road we would have all  
13 of the -- all of the vehicles (not clear)

14 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Yes.  
15 So, do we have X-series now?

16 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Yes, sir.  
17 (Not clear)

18 DIRECTOR GANS: And these are not  
19 X-series?

20 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: The two that  
21 we need -- (not clear) are not X-series.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: And how many more  
23 non-X-series do we have?

24 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: (not clear)  
25 and one is (not clear) which is capable (not

1 clear) so five more -- five more that need to be  
2 replaced (not clear).

3 DIRECTOR GANS: And these monitors  
4 are also carried on the pumpers?

5 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Yes, sir.  
6 That's what allows us to maintain (not clear).

7 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Who else  
8 sells -- what other vendors sell this type of  
9 equipment?

10 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: There is one  
11 other that's certified, right now. (Not clear)

12 A VOICE: (Not understandable)

13 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Phillips?  
14 Yeah. Thank you.

15 They lost (not clear) this week.

16 So, I don't know which -- there's  
17 probably (not clear) time (not clear)

18 There are two types of monitors for  
19 (not clear)

20 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. In the time  
21 I've been here, I don't recall buying anything  
22 other than Zoll monitors. Is that correct?

23 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: That -- that's  
24 correct.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

1 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: We've had (not  
2 clear)

3 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. And is  
4 this recommendation solely your's, or have you  
5 met with the vary -- with -- with some of our  
6 paramedics and this is something that's a  
7 consensus?

8 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Yes, sir. I  
9 talked with (not clear) several of the paramedics  
10 and (not clear)

11 (Entire paragraphs totally  
12 inaudible)

13 DIRECTOR GANS: How much?

14 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: A thousand  
15 (not clear)

16 CHIEF SPIEGEL: With trade-in, it's  
17 going to be around 60,000.

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

19 CHIEF SPIEGEL: For two monitors.

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: About? Okay.

21 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: It'd be just  
22 short of 61,000 for two monitors with all the  
23 trade-in's.

24 CHIEF SPIEGEL: And I'd like to  
25 point out that, that price equals what did go out

1 for bid for the previous purchases.

2 So, it's a -- it's proprietary, but  
3 it's the -- it's an equivalent price with the  
4 trade-in.

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Any  
7 other questions?

8 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Just a couple.

9 When -- just -- just for my own  
10 history on this, the -- the dollars that you had,  
11 what was the eventual outcome?

12 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: One was the --  
13 just short of \$4500.00 for the repair and -- so  
14 that is the -- about at House Four --

15 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

16 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: -- (not  
17 clear)

18 So, -- and there's another --  
19 another one at House (not clear) it's a failure  
20 that (not clear)

21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. And then  
22 the four "E's" and the one "M"?

23 Is there any concern that we'd have  
24 the same problem down the road, or is it based on  
25 age?

1 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: (not audible)  
2 They don't -- your first question;  
3 they don't (not clear)

4 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

5 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: (inaudible)  
6 I'll present that.

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: So this is a bit  
8 of a (not clear) that we're anticipating, meeting  
9 such a --

10 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: (Not audible)

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

12 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: We have no  
13 idea (not audible)

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

15 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: (not audible)

16 DIRECTOR GANS: I want to follow-up  
17 with one of your questions.

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: I understood you to  
20 say the cost of repairing the one unit was nearly  
21 (one word not clear) the cost of buying another  
22 one.

23 But then you said \$4500.00.

24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Trade-in.

25 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Trade-in.

1 (Inaudible)

2 So it wouldn't make any sense to  
3 spend \$4500.00 to get it fixed (inaudible) when  
4 you could spend (inaudible) \$5,000.00 for a --

5 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

6 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: (inaudible)

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Right.

8 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Another concern is  
9 Zoll is -- is suggesting that they're not gonna  
10 discontinue supporting the E-series, (one word  
11 not clear) so fixing it and then not having them  
12 support it in the future seems risky.

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yes.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: How old are these  
15 units?

16 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Two Thousand  
17 and Nine. (Not audible)

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Are they still  
19 supported?

20 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: (not audible)  
21 The E-series, they are still  
22 supported, but you can't buy -- you can't buy an  
23 E-service one any longer after August 15<sup>th</sup>  
24 (inaudible).

25 DIRECTOR GANS: As far as you know,

1 does Life Pack manufacture equipment that's  
2 warranted and supported similarly?

3 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Yes. All --  
4 all the monitors (inaudible)

5 DIRECTOR GANS: And I guess,  
6 really, the question is more "end-of-life."

7 Is it a similar ten, possibly ten  
8 year life?

9 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: I'd have some  
10 research (not audible)

11 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

12 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I --

13 DIRECTOR GANS: Would you expect  
14 ten years to be a -- a good life for a piece of  
15 equipment like this?

16 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: (not clear) I  
17 think a good life (inaudible) monitors that would  
18 last longer and we found that (inaudible)

19 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Michelle?

20 MS. DEPEW: I do want to point out  
21 that we've had several discussions internally in  
22 the office and this is potentially an emergency  
23 purchase, not requiring a budget adjustment  
24 because (not clear)

25 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

1 MS. DEPEW: And there are some (not  
2 clear) that the overall impact (not clear) is not  
3 going to be increased.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Should we be  
6 looking at the one M-series? If that one is  
7 close to 15 years old, are there any efficiencies  
8 in considering a third one at this time?

9 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: That is --  
10 that is one of the (inaudible) that is going to  
11 be coming up.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: And so I guess  
13 there's nothing to be gained by buying it now, --

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: That's --

15 DIRECTOR GANS: -- versus --

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: -- my --

17 DIRECTOR GANS: -- buying --

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: -- question.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: -- it in a few  
20 months.

21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yes. Is there  
22 any efficiency in purchasing it now and not  
23 waiting until 2019, because the age of that one  
24 frightens me a little bit.

25 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: (not audible)

1 DIRECTOR MILLNER: The other two  
2 were also?

3 (General chuckles)

4 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: (not audible)

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I'm sorry. That  
6 was not meant to be sarcastic. I apologize.

7 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: That's okay.

8 CHIEF SPIEGEL: It's a good point.

9 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: (not audible)

10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Did we think of  
11 -- did we even consider that M-series?

12 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: I was going to  
13 (not audible)

14 (Continuous clangs and crash sounds  
15 are recorded.)

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: But we didn't --

17 DIRECTOR GANS: But --

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: -- we didn't  
19 include it in the original --

20 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: No, ma'am.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: Are any of these on  
22 the reserve ambulances?

23 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: I'm sorry?

24 DIRECTOR GANS: Are any of these  
25 carried on the reserve ambulances?

1 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: No, sir. The  
2 monitors are only carried on vehicles that are  
3 running and responding to calls, when the (not  
4 audible) --

5 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

6 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: We don't have  
7 any (not audible)  
8 on the reserves.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. I think we  
10 can wait until 2019.

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: On the M?

12 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah.

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Alright. That's

14 --

15 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Where is the M now?  
16 Is it in service?

17 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: (not audible)

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Oh. Well, okay.

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: So that's not --

20 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: That  
21 frontline, you know, --

22 CHIEF SPIEGEL: So it's --

23 (Three people speaking at once.)

24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. Okay.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

1 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yes. Let's wait

2 --

3 DIRECTOR GANS: Robin, do you have  
4 any questions?

5 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I had one. It  
6 sounded as though there was going to be a request  
7 in next year's budget for two. Will these two  
8 replace the ones that we're going to budget and  
9 we only need to ask for one next year?

10 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: No, sir.  
11 These two are (not audible) to replace two more  
12 in '19, two in '20 and two in '21 until we get  
13 all of the monitors (no audible)

14 DIRECTOR GANS: And, now, we're  
15 speeding that up.

16 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Because of  
17 (not audible), yes.

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

19 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Okay.

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: He said, (not  
21 clear) to '18, '19 and '20.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Finally,  
23 I'll turn to our legal expert and ask about  
24 proceeding to purchase these without going out to  
25 bid.

1 MISTER HOFFMAN: Yes. And I do  
2 believe that the facts here warrant an exception  
3 to that rule. The urgent need and the sole  
4 provider and the need for consistency of the  
5 equipment.

6 So, I'll --

7 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

8 MISTER HOFFMAN: -- get (not clear)

9 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Then I  
10 will make a motion to purchase two monitors, new  
11 monitors, in an amount -- from Zoll, in an amount  
12 not to exceed \$61,000.00.

13 Do I hear a second?

14 (No response.)

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Why don't I --

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I will second  
17 that.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Do you want to  
19 amend it?

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: My only concern  
21 was that you didn't have a definitive number.

22 You said, "60,000 plus change."

23 Will 61,000 cover it?

24 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Yes. Sixty-  
25 one will -- 61,000 will cover it. I can -- I can

1 pull up (not clear) numbers if you want.

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.

3 DIRECTOR GANS: No. Because  
4 anything other than the 61,000 comes out of his  
5 pocket.

6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh. That's fine,  
7 then.

8 (General chuckles.)

9 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. So with  
10 a motion and a second, any further discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

14 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

16 Motion passes. You're good to go.

17 DEPUTY CHIEF HARPER: Thank you.

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Good job.

19 CHIEF SPIEGEL: That's all I have.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

21 Attorneys Report?

22 MISTER HOFFMAN: Sir, I do not have  
23 anything for the Open Meeting.

24 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

25 Any New Business?

1 (No response.)

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Any -- oh, I guess,  
3 well, Unfinished Business, I will remind everyone  
4 that wishes to attend, we'll be holding a Budget  
5 Workshop next week.

6 MS. DEPEW: Thank you.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: Following --

8 MS. DEPEW: What time?

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Five o'clock on  
10 Wednesday and there'll be a Closed Meeting after  
11 that.

12 The tentative agenda of tonight's  
13 meeting includes a Closed session.

14 At this time, I make a motion to go  
15 into Closed session pursuant to Missouri Revised  
16 Statutes, Missouri, Chapter 610.021, One, Legal  
17 Actions and Advice; Three, Personnel Matters;  
18 Nine, Employee Groups Negotiations; and Thirteen,  
19 Personnel Records.

20 Are there any other items that need  
21 to be discussed in Closed, besides the ones I  
22 named?

23 (No response.)

24 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

25 Do I hear a second?

1 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I will second.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

6 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

8 Motion passes three to nothing.

9 We are in recess. Off the record.

10 We will back -- come back into Open  
11 session and announce any votes, if there are any.

12 (Whereupon, at 7:40 P.M., the Board entered  
13 into a Closed Meeting, with Minutes taken by  
14 Attorney Hoffman as follows:)

15 At 8:53 P.M., Director Gans  
16 announced that the Open Meeting was back in  
17 session.

18 Director Gans stated that no votes  
19 were taken.

20 There was no further business to be  
21 heard and Director Gans made a motion to adjourn  
22 the Open Meeting, seconded by Director Millner.

23 Directors Millner, Harris and Gans  
24 voted in the affirmative to adjourn the Open  
25 Meeting at 8:54 P.M.

1                   (Minutes on pages 4-40 were recorded by the  
2                   Monarch Fire Protection District and transcribed  
3                   by Virginia L. Long.)

4                   [Note that the Minutes taken by Attorney  
5                   Hoffman may be seen at the Monarch Fire  
6                   Protection District Headquarters, attached to the  
7                   previously recorded Minutes.]

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# **MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

## **OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING DATE SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

(After the Closed Meeting of the Board of Directors, the Open Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District for Wednesday, September 5, 2018, is resumed as follows.)

Director Gans states that the Board of Directors is back on the record in the Open Meeting at 8:53 p.m. following a Closed Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District.

Director Gans also states that no votes were taken by the Board of Directors of the Monarch Fire Protection District during the Closed Meeting.

Hearing no other District business, Motion by Director Gans to adjourn the Open Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District. Second by Director Millner. All in favor.

Director Millner – Aye  
Director Harris – Aye  
Director Gans – Aye

(3-0 vote)

The Open Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District for September 5, 2018, is adjourned and off the record at 8:54 p.m.