

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI,
HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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, September 20, 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
Oprs. Chief Marsonette
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: We'll start, tonight, with the Approval of the Agenda.

Do we have any changes to the Agenda?

DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have none.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

CHIEF SPIEGEL: None. I have none. Sorry.

DIRECTOR GANS: And I have none.

So, next, we move to Citizen Comments. And unless there's a -- someone wearing a disguise, there's no citizens here to comment that I see.

Which moves us to the President's Report. And, I have no report, tonight, which

1 takes us to the Secretary's Report.

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: It looks like I
3 have --

4 (Inaudible)

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I couldn't find
6 anything.

7 CHIEF SPIEGEL: (inaudible) Open
8 Meeting.

9 (Inaudible)

10 MISTER HOFFMAN: : Those are from
11 Virginia.

12 DIRECTOR MILLNER: From Virginia.
13 Okay.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: Which she sent to
15 us.

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh, this is in
17 the email.

18 (Inaudible)

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

20 (At this point, Director Millner moved for
21 the approval of the Open Meeting Minutes from
22 September 5, 2018.)

23 DIRECTOR GANS: I will second the
24 motion.

25 Any discussion?

1 (No response.)
2 DIRECTOR GANS: Discussion?
3 DIRECTOR HARRIS: No.
4 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Then we
5 have a motion and a second.
6 All in favor?
7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.
8 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.
9 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.
10 Motion passes.
11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I was simply
12 looking at this --
13 DIRECTOR GANS: That's old.
14 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Yeah, something
15 like that.
16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: That concludes
17 my report.
18 DIRECTOR GANS: Thank you.
19 Treasurer, do you have a report?
20 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Well, I was
21 looking to find --
22 DIRECTOR GANS: Your report?
23 DIRECTOR HARRIS: -- my report and
24 I don't have a copy of it. Would --
25 DIRECTOR GANS: And I don't have a

1 copy of it.

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Here you go.

3 DIRECTOR HARRIS: That would help.

4 Well, this is, you know, perhaps
5 it's dated the wrong date.

6 MS. DEPEW: (inaudible)

7 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Yes. Do we have

8 --

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Well, hold on. I
10 have it.

11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Number twenty --

12 DIRECTOR GANS: May I help you?

13 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Yes.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Let me
15 -- allow me, please.

16 Tonight, we have disbursements in
17 the amount of -- of -- hold on. I have it here.

18 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have it.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: Of \$297,501.36 for
20 the period.

21 The treasurer is going to tell us
22 about seven checks over the amount of \$5,000.00.\

23 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I will.

24 We have check number 41784, Sentinel
25 Emergency Solutions, in the amount of \$6,012.23.

1 And those are for a variety of
2 personnel pieces of equipment. Gloves,
3 suspenders and some light --

4 DIRECTOR GANS: Uniform things.

5 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Uniform -- well,
6 not all uniform things, but, then we have check
7 number 41793.

8 And that is to UNUM, in the amount
9 of \$5,850.52.

10 That is life, AD&D and long-term
11 disability.

12 Next, we have United Health Care,
13 check number 41792 in the amount of \$195,164.09.

14 Obviously, for health care.

15 Check number 41790 to Tech
16 Electronics in the amount of \$8,847.00.

17 That is, well, 50 percent of the
18 maintenance building -- what?

19 This says, "Fifty percent for
20 maintenance building."

21 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Roger's prepared to
22 speak to that. There's some detail to that.

23 Fm: Roger Herin, fire marshal.

24 (Inaudible)

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Thank you.

1 Next, I have check number 41739 to
2 Commercial Capital, LLC, in the amount of
3 \$5,280.00 and no cents.

4 That is for the lease on the -- the
5 Fire Prevention Bureau plotter/scanner.

6 And if we can get our fire marshal
7 to come back up, I believe we're getting close to
8 the end of that lease, at which point we'll own
9 it.

10 Fm: Roger Herin, fire marshal.

11 (Inaudible)

12 DIRECTOR GANS: And take the other
13 one back?

14 Fm: I'm sorry?

15 DIRECTOR GANS: And then take the
16 other one back?

17 Fm: (inaudible)

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

19 Fm: (inaudible)

20 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

21 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Excellent.

22 Next, we have check number 41733 to
23 Baxter Gardens of Chesterfield in the amount of
24 \$5,307.10.

25 And that is for some landscaping

1 around the District.

2 If you've driven up, recently,
3 you'll note the front of our Headquarters
4 Building is much more user-friendly.

5 You can actually see the building
6 exists and what it is.

7 Next, we have check number 41724 to
8 Ameren Missouri in the amount of \$6,473.72.

9 Pardon me.

10 It looks like the training tower is
11 the winner with only \$16.68.

12 (General chuckles.)

13 DIRECTOR GANS: Oh, boy, he's
14 trying to spend a lot of money next year.

15 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I noticed that.

16 All right. In reviewing these
17 disbursements, -- sorry.

18 Are there any questions?

19 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes.

20 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Other than those
21 already asked via email?

22 DIRECTOR GANS: So, of course, I
23 did ask questions via email and I have questions
24 about the answers.

25 So, hopefully, there's answers to

1 the questions about the answers to the questions.

2 The invoice for the quarterly random
3 and Work Comp screening's.

4 This is drug testing. Is that
5 correct?

6 CHIEF SPIEGEL: That's correct.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: I don't remember
8 seeing a check that large for that before.

9 Is that every year we've been -- or
10 every quarter? I don't -- that seemed like a
11 larger amount.

12 CHIEF SPIEGEL: They have -- they
13 manage that. They give -- Marilyn's here.

14 Marilyn, is prepared to speak to the
15 drug testing process.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: One other question.
17 Chuck, we're kinda loud here.

18 I like -- I was commenting, I like
19 it where you can hear, but it's -- I think it's
20 a little bit loud and getting -- feeding back a
21 little bit.

22 (Referring to the audio/recording
23 system.)

24 MS. HARRIS: Marilyn Harris,
25 (inaudible.)

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

2 MS. HARRIS: (inaudible)

3 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

4 MS. HARRIS: (inaudible)

5 DIRECTOR GANS: So this total is
6 just -- I'm sorry, 1800. Which, I guess, I'm
7 just saying I don't remember seeing a bill that
8 large before.

9 And then I had another question on
10 a check that was answered; I'm trying to find
11 these as we go, in the same run that -- there it
12 is.

13 Was for -- no, it was for background
14 checks. Never mind.

15 The other question I had -- but,
16 anyway, it seemed like a large amount, to me.

17 CHIEF SPIEGEL: We'll do the
18 research and check historical --

19 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

20 CHIEF SPIEGEL: -- so you can
21 compare them --

22 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

23 CHIEF SPIEGEL: -- and get back to
24 you.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Thank

1 you. Thanks.

2 And then, we have -- I guess I have
3 a question for Roger, but that was answered.

4 No, that -- no, it was answered
5 about the plotter.

6 Cary had answered and he said that
7 you may have more to tell us and that was pretty
8 good news you told us.

9 I know -- I know what you told me,
10 Cary, about Schuchmacher, which I know was a
11 vender when I came on the Board a long time -- 20
12 years ago.

13 And, I guess, they retired and sold
14 the business?

15 CHIEF SPIEGEL: That's correct.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. So, --

17 CHIEF SPIEGEL: To "McLean," I
18 think?

19 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah.

20 CHIEF SPIEGEL: "Steven McLean"?

21 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah.

22 CHIEF SPIEGEL: So we still have a
23 lot of Pierce equipment. We buy parts from them.

24 DIRECTOR GANS: Right. Okay. So
25 I -- I noted that. That was interesting, since

1 that was a very long time vender.

2 And that was the only questions I
3 had about the answers to the questions that I had
4 questions about.

5 (General chuckles.)

6 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I'm glad we
7 qualified that.

8 Are there any other questions?

9 (No audible responses.)

10 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I either had my
11 questions answered previously, or via email.

12 So, in reviewing these
13 disbursements, they appear to be reasonable and
14 necessary in the conduct of the District's
15 business.

16 Chief Spiegel, were these checks
17 prepared per your recommendation?

18 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, they were.

19 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Do they violate
20 any state bidding statutes, or constitute
21 installment payments?

22 CHIEF SPIEGEL: None that I'm aware
23 of.

24 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I make a motion
25 that we accept the disbursements as prepared.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: I will second the
2 motion.

3 Any further discussion?

4 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.

5 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

7 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

9 Motion passes three to nothing.

10 Anything else?

11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: You know, amazingly
12 enough, on this day in 1519, Ferdinand Magellan
13 actually began his voyage with five ships seeking
14 a westward route to the islands rich in spices in
15 the East Indies.

16 And while he left with five ships,
17 by the time he was trying to go around South
18 America he was down to three.

19 One had deserted, one had been
20 wrecked.

21 Three ships made it through the
22 Straits of Magellan at the southern tip between
23 Tierra del Fuego and South America.

24 They reached this strangely calm
25 ocean and named it, for them at the time, an

1 appropriate name, the Pacific Ocean.

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3 It took just under three years
4 before the final and only surviving ship made it
5 completely around the earth.

6 So, while he, in fact, died en
7 route, one of his five ships was the first to
8 completely circumnavigate the globe.

9 And that concludes the Treasurer's
10 Report.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Thank
12 you.

13 On to the Chief's Report.

14 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir. On -- on
15 my agenda is the -- Michelle has included the
16 financial's for August and prepared to answer any
17 questions.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Does anyone have
19 any questions?

20 (No audible response.)

21 DIRECTOR GANS: I don't have any
22 questions.

23 MS. DEPEW: And I (inaudible).

24 DIRECTOR HARRIS: We liked it.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: Which means you did

1 a great job and everything looked right and I
2 don't want to ask the same questions I've asked
3 before, like I sometimes do and they -- anyway,
4 it looked good to me.

5 Anything else, Chief?

6 CHIEF SPIEGEL: No, sir.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

8 On to the Attorney's Report.

9 MISTER HOFFMAN: I do not have a
10 report, this evening.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

12 Any New Business?

13 (No oral response.)

14 DIRECTOR GANS: Let's talk about
15 October Meeting dates.

16 CHIEF SPIEGEL: Thank you.

17 DIRECTOR GANS: So, Robin and I
18 have actually communicated about the -- about
19 some perspective meeting dates.

20 DIRECTOR HARRIS: If I may
21 interject, --

22 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes.

23 DIRECTOR HARRIS: -- that email
24 went to all three Directors or those -- that
25 email string, and to the Public file.

1 Just so there's no confusion.

2 We wouldn't want to think someone
3 outside this room was left out, or someone inside
4 this room was left out inappropriately.

5 DIRECTOR GANS: So it wasn't a
6 secret discussion?

7 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Exactly.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Thanks. I was
9 actually going to get to that.

10 Anyway, we had some dates that were
11 discussion by email with a copy to the Public
12 file.

13 And I actually saw Director Millner
14 yesterday at a activity not involving the Fire
15 District and she told me that she'd be ready
16 tonight to talk about those meetings.

17 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (inaudible)

18 DIRECTOR GANS: And here we are.
19 Here we are, so, --

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (inaudible)

21 DIRECTOR GANS: -- the first week,
22 we had trouble with October 4th.

23 We had trouble with the first week,
24 period.

25 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: And we -- we were
2 down to a meeting at noon, an Open Meeting at
3 noon.

4 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

5 DIRECTOR GANS: And I -- I had
6 responded that I could do a short meeting then.

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (inaudible)

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Hm-hm.

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (inaudible) I
10 can do (inaudible)

11 DIRECTOR GANS: It doesn't have to
12 be right at noon, probably.

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I can do
14 (inaudible)

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

16 DIRECTOR HARRIS: And I -- I'm
17 available all day.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Right. Right.

19 For me, I would be coming here at
20 lunch time.

21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (inaudible)

22 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. So then
23 let's plan on the 4th at twelve o'clock for an
24 Open Meeting.

25 And then we looked at, for the rest

1 of the month, week two, all the days were
2 available, or I should say, Monday through
3 Thursday were available for evening meetings for
4 a Closed Meeting.

5 Jean, how does that work for you?

6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: That's fine for
7 me.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Which one?

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (inaudible)

10 DIRECTOR GANS: Well, yeah, the 8th,
11 9th, 10th and 11th.

12 And we're not going to meet every
13 day.

14 Actually, I'm wrong.

15 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (inaudible)

16 DIRECTOR GANS: The 11th was not --
17 I was not available. So, --

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (inaudible)

19 DIRECTOR GANS: -- the 8th, 9th or
20 10th.

21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (inaudible)

22 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

23 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (inaudible)

24 DIRECTOR GANS: Then let's do
25 October 9th at five o'clock for a Closed Meeting.

1 Five o'clock okay? It's a little
2 bit earlier than they have been.

3 DIRECTOR HARRIS: You know what? It
4 works for me.

5 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Five
6 o'clock.

7 Then the next week, the third week,
8 the 16th was not the preferable date.

9 The 17th and 18th, if either of those
10 work, those would be preferable.

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (inaudible)

12 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (inaudible)

14 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. So why
15 don't we do the 18th for an Open Meeting at seven.

16 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Excellent.

17 DIRECTOR GANS: And then the 4th
18 week, Robin is available electronically the 23rd,
19 24th or 22nd, Third, or Fourth.

20 And, I'm available all three days,
21 as well.

22 DIRECTOR MILLNER: (inaudible)

23 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Should
24 we do the 23rd, or 24th?

25 (No oral response heard.)

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. That'll be
2 a Closed and let's go back to 5:30.

3 Is that okay time-zone-wise?

4 DIRECTOR HARRIS: It is.

5 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. So we come
6 up with a -- an Open Meeting on October 4th at
7 noon.

8 A Closed Meeting on October 9th at
9 five.

10 An Open Meeting on October 18th at
11 seven. Seven.

12 And a Closed Meeting on October 23rd
13 at 5:30.

14 Yes?

15 MS. DEPEW: (inaudible) Pension
16 Meeting.

17 DIRECTOR GANS: No, the Pension
18 Meeting needs to be the third week, we decided.

19 MS. DEPEW: (not audible)

20 DIRECTOR GANS: It's -- it's all of
21 our's Pension Meeting.

22 MS. DEPEW: (not audible)

23 DIRECTOR GANS: So, --

24 MS. DEPEW: Thank you.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: -- that's a seven

1 o'clock meeting on the 18th.

2 Should we try and put that in before
3 the Open Meeting?

4 (No oral response.)

5 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

6 Jean, does that work for you, if we
7 would start that meeting at six o'clock for a
8 Pension Meeting?

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: On the 18th?

10 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes.

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Six o'clock.
12 Yes.

13 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. There are
14 two other members of the Pension Committee who
15 are not present.

16 The Pension Committee, for those who
17 don't recall, is made up of two members who
18 participate in the pension, so there are two
19 other people.

20 If you will let them know.

21 They knew it was going to be a third
22 week, anyway, that we're going to do that.

23 If for some reason both of them
24 can't make it, we'll want to reschedule.

25 MS. DEPEW: (not audible)

1 (Loud tone sounded.)
2 DIRECTOR GANS: Say that again?
3 MS. DEPEW: (not audible)
4 DIRECTOR GANS: You said the
5 attorney?
6 MS. DEPEW: Yes.
7 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah. Check with
8 her, too.
9 MS. DEPEW: I will.
10 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. All right.
11 So we have our meeting dates.
12 And is there any other New Business?
13 (No response.)
14 DIRECTOR GANS: Any Unfinished
15 Business?
16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.
17 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. We're
18 gonna be holding a workshop, a Budget Workshop,
19 this evening, but we are going to having a brief
20 Closed Meeting after that. After the Budget
21 Workshop.
22 So, we're going to go right into the
23 Budget Workshop, then we'll be holding a Closed
24 Meeting.
25 We'll then go back into Open session

1 to announce any votes taken in the Closed
2 Meeting, if there are any.

3 Is there any reason we can't go
4 right into the workshop? Do we need to adjourn
5 the Open?

6 MISTER HOFFMAN: (indicated)

7 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Recess.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Right. We'll go
9 into recess. Right.

10 Whereupon, at 7:20 P.M., a one minute
11 recess was declared and the Board entered into a
12 Budget Workshop, returning to the Open Meeting at
13 7:30 P.M.)

14 (NOTE: See separate Minutes for the Budget
15 Workshop Meeting.)

16 DIRECTOR GANS: We had a very
17 brief recess and we are now back in the Open
18 session.

19 (At this point, Director Gans made a motion
20 to go into a Closed Meeting under Revised
21 Statutes of the State of Missouri, 610.021, One,
22 Three, Thirteen and Nine.)

23 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

2 Motion passes three to nothing. We
3 are now in recess and will come back into the
4 Open Meeting to announce any votes that may be
5 taken.

6 (The above Minutes transcribed by Virginia
7 L. Long as recorded by the Monarch Fire
8 Protection District.)

9 (Whereupon, at 8:09 P.M. the Board returned
10 to the Open Meeting, with the following Minutes
11 taken by Attorney Hoffman.)

12 Director Gans stated that no votes
13 were taken by the Board of Directors during the
14 Closed Meeting.

15 Having no further business, a motion
16 was made by Director Gans to adjourn the Open
17 Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District
18 Board of Directors.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

21 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

23 (The Open Meeting of the Monarch Fire
24 Protection District for September 20, 2018 was
25 adjourned and off the record at 8:11 P.M.)

1 (NOTE: The Minutes taken by Attorney
2 Hoffman are attached to the recorded Minutes of
3 the Monarch Fire Protection District and may be
4 viewed at the Monarch Fire Protection District
5 Headquarters, attached to the previously recorded
6 Minutes.]

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