

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF THE MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI,  
HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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, October 4, 2018, at 12:00 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:                   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

12:00 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: Approval of Agenda.

I'm on.

(Referring to mic's being turned on.)

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I'm on.

Virginia, can you hear me?

MS. LONG: (indicated.)

DIRECTOR GANS: All right. We'll  
just --

(General chuckles.)

DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. Can you  
hear me now?

MS. LONG: It's not good.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. Hold on.

MS. LONG: (not audible)

1                   DIRECTOR MILLNER:       All right.  
2    Okay. I'll try that.  
3                   How about now?  
4                   MS. LONG: Perfect.  
5                   DIRECTOR GANS:    Brett, can you hear  
6    that?  
7                   (No audible response.)  
8                   DIRECTOR GANS:    They just called  
9    from my house and they said they could hear it.  
10                  (General chuckles.)  
11                  DIRECTOR GANS:    All right. We'll  
12   going to continue with the approval of the  
13   agenda.  
14                  (Inaudible voice.)  
15                  DIRECTOR MILLNER:    We're having  
16   problems with that.  
17                  (General chuckles.)  
18                  DIRECTOR GANS:    Order. We're going  
19   to continue with the approval of the agenda.  
20                  Are there any changes to the agenda?  
21                  DIRECTOR MILLNER:    I have none.  
22                  ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS:    I have  
23   nothing.  
24                  DIRECTOR GANS:    And I have nothing,  
25   either.

1 We move on to Citizen Comments.

2 I see no citizens in the audience,  
3 which takes us to the President's Report, which  
4 will be so brief that it's already over.

5 I have no report, which takes us to  
6 the Secretary's Report.

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have a report.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. I move  
10 for the approval of the Open Meeting Minutes of  
11 9/27/2018.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. That was  
13 Open 9/27?

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yes.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. I will second  
16 the motion.

17 Any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

22 Motion passes two to nothing.

23 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I move for the  
24 approval of the Closed Meeting Minutes for 9/27/  
25 2018.

1                   DIRECTOR GANS:     I will second the  
2     motion.  
3                   Any discussion?  
4                   (No response.)  
5                   DIRECTOR MILLNER:    No.  
6                   DIRECTOR GANS:     All in favor?  
7                   DIRECTOR MILLNER:    Aye.  
8                   DIRECTOR GANS:     Aye.  
9                   Motion passes two to nothing.  
10                  DIRECTOR MILLNER:   That covers the  
11     Secretary's Report.  
12                  DIRECTOR GANS:     Okay. Thank you.  
13                  DIRECTOR MILLNER:   Wait a minute.  
14     Hold on.  
15                  MS. LONG:     You've got four more  
16     there.  
17                  DIRECTOR MILLNER:   Okay. Hold on.  
18                  DIRECTOR GANS:     All right. Do you  
19     have anything else, Madam Secretary?  
20                  DIRECTOR MILLNER:   Yes, I do.  
21                  DIRECTOR GANS:     All right.  
22                  DIRECTOR MILLNER:   I have some  
23     more.  
24                  DIRECTOR GANS:     And the next when  
25     you're talking, will you go to the microphone and

1 state your name?

2 (Referring to Ms. Long.)

3 (General chuckles.)

4 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

5 Continue.

6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. I move for  
7 the approval of the Open Meeting Minutes for  
8 September 20, 2018.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. I will  
10 second the motion.

11 Any discussion?

12 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.

13 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

16 Motion passes two to nothing.

17 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Now, I move for  
18 the approval of the Closed Meeting Minutes for  
19 September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: I will second the  
21 motion.

22 Any discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

25 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

1 Motion passes two to nothing.

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Yes, sir, I am  
3 finished.

4 That's not four.

5 I did the 27<sup>th</sup>, already.

6 Oh, sorry.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: Are you finished?

8 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No, sir.

9 (General chuckles.)

10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh, okay.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: We're going to  
12 finish this meeting, because there's one next  
13 week.

14 (General chuckles.)

15 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Well, this is  
16 the first time I've done this and they're in  
17 different colors. Now I know what they mean.

18 Okay, I do have two more.

19 I apologize, Mister President.

20 I move for the approval of the  
21 Minutes of a Public Tax Hearing on September 27,  
22 2018.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. What is  
24 the date, again?

25 DIRECTOR MILLNER: September 27,

1 2018.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. That's  
3 the motion to approve the public tax hearing on  
4 September 27, 2018.

5 We have the motion. I will make a  
6 second.

7 Any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

12 Motion passes three to nothing.

13 We think we hear the vote of  
14 Director Harris, who has now joined the meeting.

15 We're going to work on turning up  
16 that volume.

17 Do you want to stop, or keep going?

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Should we wait  
19 for him to make sure we can hear him (not clear)

20 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: (not  
21 audible)

22 DIRECTOR GANS: You have one more?

23 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: (not  
24 audible)

25 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Test count,

1 please?

2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: All right. One,  
3 two, three, four, five; five, four, three, two,  
4 one.

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: But, Virginia is  
6 not able to hear anything you're saying.

7 MS. LONG: (inaudible)

8 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: (inaudible)

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

10 DIRECTOR HARRIS: One, two, three,  
11 four, five, (inaudible).

12 (Recording completely inaudible.)

13 DIRECTOR GANS: While he's working  
14 on that, we're going to continue.

15 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: We're not going to  
17 let him vote now.

18 So, continue.

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. Oh, I  
20 move for the approval of the Minutes of the Open  
21 Budget Workshop on September 20, 2018.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: I'll second the  
23 motion.

24 Any discussion?

25 (No response.)

1 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

2 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

3 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

4 Motion passes two to nothing.

5 Director Harris is unable to vote.

6 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Virginia, does  
7 that conclude my report?

8 MS. LONG: Yes, ma'am.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Thanks for keep-  
11 ing me straight.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: We'll move on to  
13 the Treasurer's Report. The treasurer is with  
14 us, but unable to present the Treasurer's Report,  
15 so I will do it, instead, -- unless you want to  
16 do it.

17 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No, you're good.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

19 I'm getting ready.

20 We have disbursements, today, in the  
21 amount of 70 -- \$72,891.98.

22 There are three checks over the  
23 amount of 5,000.00, which are a check to  
24 Mediclaims, check number 41868 for \$7,304.32.

25 That is the fee for ambulance

1 billing that they preform.

2 We have check 41827 to Desco Granite  
3 Services, \$13,130.00.

4 I don't remember seeing that one.  
5 I don't read the checks. Maybe I missed that  
6 one.

7 Michelle, was that in the check-run?

8 MS. DEPEW: Which one is that?

9 DIRECTOR GANS: It's a check to  
10 Desco Granite Services, 41827.

11 I can look, myself, but I don't  
12 remember seeing that.

13 MS. DEPEW: (inaudible)

14 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

15 MS. DEPEW: We have (inaudible)

16 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. I did.  
17 You're right.

18 All right. So, this check for  
19 \$13,130.00 to Desco Granite Services, check 41827  
20 is for the installation of granite.

21 And I need help with where the -- it  
22 says at House Four, but where was this installed?

23 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have some  
24 questions.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: You have to wait.

1                   So, this granite installed at House  
2 -- is this flooring?

3                   MS. DEPEW:    I don't believe it's  
4 flooring.

5                   DIRECTOR GANS:   Does anyone know?  
6                   If you know, you have to come up to  
7 the microphone.

8                   MS. DEPEW:    I believe it's the  
9 epoxy.  I don't believe it's flooring.

10                   It's the epoxy for the floors.

11                   The floors (not clear) --

12                   ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS:  The answer  
13 to that question is it's an epoxy floor coating.

14                   DIRECTOR GANS:    That's not the --  
15 what the invoice is for.

16                   The invoice says, "Original contract  
17 to the installation of granite series."

18                   So, do we have time to hold this, so  
19 we can get clarification on the billing?

20                   ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS:  Yes.

21                   DIRECTOR GANS:    All right.  Then I  
22 will ask -- we -- we will hold check number 41827  
23 in the amount of \$13,130.00.

24                   Michelle, will you do the math real  
25 quick for me?

1 MS. DEPEW: Okay.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: And, then, finally,  
3 the other check over 5,000, or the, actually, now  
4 one of two, is check number 41869 to Montgomery  
5 Bank, \$6,355.07 for credit card purchases, which  
6 will be discussed in a couple of minutes, a  
7 little bit, as well.

8 Are there any questions about the  
9 checks?

10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: Robin?

12 (No response.)

13 DIRECTOR GANS: Did he say, "Have  
14 none"?

15 (No oral response.)

16 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Zero.

17 All right. He has none.

18 I, as I usually do, send a number of  
19 questions that were responded to this morning.

20 And a number of them, I'm gonna be  
21 in further touch with clarification.

22 I'm fine with approving the bills,  
23 but I will be asking for a little more  
24 clarification on several of them, later on.

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Not now.

Oh, yeah, you have the amount?

MS. DEPEW: I'm -- I'm going to have to have more clarification on your --

DIRECTOR GANS: No. So, I don't want -- there's no time to do it now. There is quite a few and I have these credit card bills that I still need to go through, as well, which I will do before I leave today.

So, I am satisfied, at this point.

And that takes me to -- hold on. I'm having to go around on the computer.

MS. DEPEW: For the amount?

DIRECTOR GANS: Yes, I do.

MS. DEPEW: Fifty-nine thousand, seven-sixty-one-ninety-eight.

DIRECTOR GANS: You said, "59,000"?

MS. DEPEW: Fifty-nine. Correct.

DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

Chief Crews, were these checks prepared per your recommendation?

ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: Yes, sir, they were.

DIRECTOR GANS: Do they violate any bidding statutes or constitute installment

1 payments?

2 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: Not to my  
3 knowledge.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. I'll  
5 make a motion to accept the disbursements that  
6 now total \$59,761.98 for the period.

7 Do I hear a second?

8 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Second.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Any further  
10 discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 DIRECTOR GANS: You look puzzled.

13 MS. DEPEW: I'm -- did you want to  
14 start and add that \$13,000.00 check to the next  
15 Open Board Meeting?

16 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes.

17 MS. DEPEW: Okay.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: Thanks.

19 All right. So, we have a motion and  
20 a second.

21 All in favor?

22 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

23 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

24 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

25 Motion passes three to nothing.

1                   Anything else for the Treasurer's  
2 Report?

3                   DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have nothing.

4                   DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. The treasurer  
5 says he has nothing. I'm just repeating, because  
6 it's not real loud here.

7                   That takes us to the Chief's Report.

8                   ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: Yes, this  
9 afternoon we're asking for permission to go out  
10 for a request for a proposal for the LED lighting  
11 project for Headquarters.

12                   So, the Board understands, that is  
13 a 2019 budget line item.

14                   The reason we're asking for that  
15 now, in order to take advantage of the Ameren  
16 incentive program, we have to start that process  
17 now.

18                   So, RFP's will be sent out.

19                   The Ameren incentive program will be  
20 combined in that, but it will be a 2019 project.

21                   DIRECTOR GANS: All right. And  
22 what is your request for the time period?

23                   ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: We'll do our  
24 standard 30 days.

25                   DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

1 I'll make a motion to go out to bid  
2 for LED lighting, replacement lighting for  
3 current lighting, for Headquarters, which is part  
4 of the 2019 budget, but we're out to bid now for  
5 that item, because there is an Ameren incentive  
6 that we don't want to miss.

7 That is my motion.

8 Do I hear a second?

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Second.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: Discussion?

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

13 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

16 Motion passes three to nothing.

17 Anything else for the Chief's  
18 Report?

19 ASSISTANT CHIEF CREWS: That's all.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

21 Moving on to the Attorney's Report?

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

24 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Thank  
25 you.

1 Is there any New Business?

2 (No response.)

3 DIRECTOR GANS: I expect by the  
4 next meeting, we'll probably have November dates,  
5 or we'll have those available.

6 Hearing no New Business, do we have  
7 any Unfinished Business?

8 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I do not.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

10 The tentative agenda for tonight --  
11 today's meeting includes a Closed Meeting.

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

17 Do I hear a second?

18 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Second.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

20 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

22 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Whoop, I voted out-  
24 of-turn.

25 But, the motion still passed three

1 to nothing.

2 So, we are going into Closed  
3 session. We'll now go off the record for the  
4 Open and we'll come back into an Open session to  
5 announce any votes, if any are taken.

6 We are in recess.

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

10 At P.M., Director Gans stated  
11 that the Board of Directors were back in Open  
12 session and that no votes were taken during the  
13 Closed Meeting.

14 Director Gans then made a motion to  
15 adjourn the Open Meeting.

16 Director Millner voted Aye.

17 Director Harris voted Aye.

18 Director Gans voted Aye and then  
19 announced that the Open Meeting of the Monarch  
20 Fire Protection District is adjourned.

21 The Meeting was recessed, as  
22 described above, at 12:13 P.M.

23 *(Minutes on pages 1 through 21, line 12*  
24 *were recorded by the Monarch Fire Protection*  
25 *District and transcribed by Virginia L. Long.)*

1                   The following Minutes, taken by  
2 Attorney Hoffman, states that the Open Meeting  
3 resumed at 12:52 P.M., following the Closed  
4 Meeting.

5                   Director Gans stated that no votes  
6 were taken during the Closed Meeting.

7                   Hearing no further business to be  
8 brought before the Board, Director Gans moved to  
9 adjourn the Closed Meeting.

10                  Director Millner seconded the motion  
11 and all voted in favor.

12                  Director Harris, "Aye."

13                  Director Millner, "Aye."

14                  Director Gans, "Aye."

15                  Whereupon, the Meeting was adjourned and  
16 off the record at 12:54 P.M.

17                  [Note that the Minutes taken by Attorney  
18 Hoffman may be seen at the Monarch Fire  
19 Protection District Headquarters, attached to the  
20 previously Monarch Fire Protection District  
21 recorded Minutes.]

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