

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, HELD ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017

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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 Tuesday, August 29, 2017 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: Acting Chief Cary Spiegel
 Deputy Chief Nick Harper
 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 Director Millner in the Pledge of Allegiance?

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

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Thank you. We're trying to figure out what toppings we want on the (one word not clear) order.

DIRECTOR GANS: Sorry.

Approval of Agenda.

Are there any additions to the Agenda?

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: I have none.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: I'm sorry. Did you say something?

DIRECTOR GANS: No, that's fine.

DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

DIRECTOR HARRIS: I'm having problems.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Chief Spiegel, do
2 you have anything to add?

3 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: No, sir, I
4 have none.

5 DIRECTOR GANS: Maybe you do?

6 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Yes. That item
7 you and I spoke of, earlier, why don't you add
8 that to your report?

9 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Oh, yes. I'm
10 sorry.

11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: The additional
12 crew.

13 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Deployment.
14 Yes.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Under
16 Chief's Report, add item "E., Deployment To
17 Houston."

18 And I have nothing to add.

19 So we will now move on to the
20 President's Report.

21 Tonight, we have two swearing-in
22 ceremonies and this is one of the more exciting
23 things that Directors get to do, especially, when
24 there are two in one night.

25 And both are newly joining the Fire

1 District and we're going to welcome them with the
2 oath of office.

3 So, if you'll give me a moment, I'm
4 going to come around to the front.

5 I'm gonna -- hold on. Sorry.

6 I'm going to reverse the order; this
7 is not an amplified mic, but it's recorded, and
8 ask for Nick Govero to come forward.

9 Right there.

10 And, at this time, I'm going to
11 administer the Oath of Office.

12 Nick is one of our newest
13 paramedic/firefighters and he currently has
14 family here. Quite a few people who appear to
15 know you.

16 So, as soon as we finish this, then
17 we'll ask for whoever you choose to come up and
18 pin your badge on you.

19 So, if you will raise your right
20 hand please, and repeat after me.

21 (Whereupon, the following Oath of Office
22 was taken by Firefighter/Paramedic Nick Govero.)

23 NICK GOVERO: "I, Nick Govero,
24 Firefighter/Paramedic, do solemnly swear that I
25 will uphold and support the Rules and Regulations

1 and Policies of the Monarch Fire Protection
2 District, its residents and visitors in need, the
3 Constitution of the State of Missouri and of the
4 United States of America.

5 "I will fulfill the duties of my
6 office to the best of my ability, so help me
7 God."

8 (Generous applause.)

9 DIRECTOR GANS: And whoever you've
10 asked to come up and turn on your badge, will
11 that person come forward?

12 What a surprise.

13 NICK GOVERO: Yeah.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Good choice.

15 (At this point, the badge was pinned on,
16 followed by generous applause.)

17 DIRECTOR GANS: So, at this time, if
18 the Director would stay up here?

19 Nick, come back.

20 Other Directors and chief officers?

21 (Photos were taken, followed by the
22 swearing-in of Director Millner.)

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Now, we're going to
24 take a recess, so there'll be time for other
25 pictures, too.

1 So, at this time, I'm going to ask
2 Director Millner to stay up here. Everyone else,
3 stand by.

4 Stand here, so the audience can see.

5 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I'm here.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: He thinks he's a
7 Director.

8 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I know it. He
9 doesn't have any power.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: Did you hear that?

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Who --

12 DIRECTOR GANS: He thinks you're a
13 Director, huh?

14 (General chuckles.)

15 DIRECTOR GANS: For those of you who
16 don't know, Jean Millner is our newest Director
17 and she's actually already began serving on the
18 Board, the beginning of the month, so this is not
19 her first meeting, but this is her official Oath
20 of Office, at the Fire District swearing-in.

21 So, Jean, if you will please raise
22 your right hand and repeat after me.

23 (Whereupon, the following Oath of Office
24 was taken by Director Millner.)

25 DIRECTOR MILLNER: "I, Jean Millner,

1 Director, do solemnly swear that I will uphold
2 and support the Rules and Regulations and
3 Policies of the Monarch Fire Protection District,
4 its residents and visitors in need, the
5 Constitution of the State of Missouri and of the
6 United States of America.

7 "I will fulfill the duties of my
8 office to the best of my ability, so help me
9 God."

10 DIRECTOR GANS: Congratulations.

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Thank you.

12 (Generous applause.)

13 DIRECTOR GANS: And we don't really
14 have an official badge for Directors. We have
15 badges, but they don't get pinned on.

16 So, at this time, I will ask for the
17 same group to please come forward for a picture
18 and then we'll do family pictures afterwards.

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Sure.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Absolutely.

22

23 What a surprise.

24 NICK GOVERO: Yeah.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Good choice.

1 (At this point, the badge was pinned on,
2 followed by generous applause.)

3 DIRECTOR GANS: So, at this time, if
4 the Director would stay up here?

5 Nick, come back.

6 Other Directors and chief officers?

7 (Photos were taken, followed by the
8 swearing-in of Director Millner.)

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Now, we're going to
10 take a recess, so there'll be time for other
11 pictures, too.

12 At this time, we're going to take a
13 recess and have a brief reception.

14 Our reception is in the kitchen, so
15 if you will follow Deputy Chief Harper back to
16 the kitchen, there are refreshments and we are in
17 recess and off the record.

18 (Whereupon, at 7:15 p.m. a brief recess was
19 taken, after which time, at 7:26 p.m., the
20 following proceedings were had.)

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

24 And we continue, on the Agenda, with
25 the Secretary's -- well, that completed the

1 President's Report. We continue with the
2 Secretary's Report.

3 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. I have
4 Meeting Minutes.

5 I would like to make a motion that
6 we approve the Meeting Minutes of the Open Board
7 Meeting, August 17th, 2017.

8 The -- as well as the Open Meeting
9 of August 22nd, 2017; the Closed Meeting of
10 August 17th, 2017 and August 22nd, 2017.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: You need to separate
12 the Open and Closed.

13 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I did the Open,
14 then I did the Closed.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Two separate
16 motions.

17 DIRECTOR HARRIS: It's two separate
18 motions.

19 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh, I'm sorry.

20 All right. I made a motion that we
21 approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of
22 August 27th, 2017 and August 22nd, 2017.

23 I would also like to make a motion
24 that we approve the Minutes of the Closed Board
25 --

1 DIRECTOR GANS: No. Two separate
2 motions. One at a time. So -- so you need to --

3 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. Can I get
4 a second, please?

5 DIRECTOR GANS: Can you withdraw
6 your -- you need to --

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I'm withdrawing
8 my motion.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: And, so, start
10 again, with just the Open.

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh, I see. I'm
12 following this, now.

13 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. I make a
15 motion that we approve the Meeting Minutes of the
16 Open Board Meeting of August 17th, 2017 and
17 August 22nd, 2017.

18 Do I hear a second?

19 DIRECTOR GANS: No. I say that.

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: I will -- I will
22 second the motion.

23 Is there any discussion?

24 (No response.)

25 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

1 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.
2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.
3 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.
4 Motion passes three to nothing.
5
6 All right. We're going to ask --
7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.
8 DIRECTOR GANS: -- again if we'll be
9 out by ten?
10 (General chuckles.)
11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: No, I gotta do
12 this.
13 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Actually, I -- I
14 move --
15 DIRECTOR GANS: I know. That's why
16 --
17 DIRECTOR HARRIS: -- for the --
18 DIRECTOR GANS: -- we'll be --
19 DIRECTOR HARRIS: -- (inaudible)
20 DIRECTOR GANS: -- out by ten.
21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Give me another
22 minute.
23 Okay. I make a motion that we
24 approve the Minutes of the Closed Board Meetings
25 of August 17th, 2017 and August 22nd, 2017.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: I will second the
2 motion.

3 Any discussion?

4 (No response.)

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 Do you have anything else?

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Oh, yes.

12 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Okay. You
13 say that, August 17th.

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. So, I did
15 that.

16 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, ma'am.

17 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay. I can get
18 this stack and we'll move on to this.

19 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: No, you did
20 it.

21 DIRECTOR MILLNER: That concludes my
22 portion.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Your report? Thank
24 you.

25 DIRECTOR MILLNER: My report.

1 You're welcome.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Moving on to the
3 Treasurer's Report.

4 We do have a disabled treasurer
5 tonight and in his absence I'm going to do the
6 Treasurer's Report.

7 That was my first job on the Board
8 and I'm happy to return to it.

9 DIRECTOR HARRIS: And your third.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah, well, we all
11 done -- we've all done a few things a few times.
12 Right?

13 Tonight we have disbursements in the
14 amount of \$63,465.46 for the period.

15 We have two checks over \$5,000.00,
16 which are check 39982 to EKON Benefits for
17 \$8,966.00, which is a pension item and it
18 includes the quarter -- quarterly allocation
19 report for the Welfare Benefit Plan and the
20 annual allocation report for the VEBA.

21 MS. DEPEW: If you look at -- the
22 support is there. It is actually for the 2016
23 calculation.

24 We did mail them a check back in
25 April. They never received it. There's

1 indication in there that sometimes their mail
2 gets lost.

3 So, the original check has been
4 voided. It's attached as support and that is the
5 issuance for those items.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: Thank you.

7 MS. DEPEW: You're welcome.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: And that check is
9 for \$8,966.00, if I didn't already say that,
10 because I got lost. It's been a long time.

11 And the second check is check 40002
12 to Mediclaims for \$5,101.51 and they are our
13 billing service for EMS billing.

14 Are there any questions about the
15 checks?

16 (No response.)

17 DIRECTOR GANS: No. Since one can't
18 talk, --

19 DIRECTOR HARRIS: No.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: -- he may have
21 questions, but we'll never know.

22 Jean, do you have any questions?

23 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I do not.

24 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. And to
25 repeat what I always say, my questions are

1 emailed to the controller and the chief with a
2 copy to the public file.

3 I did have check questions, but in
4 keeping with the management letter and the
5 opinion of the auditors, those were covered by
6 email.

7 There are a couple of questions and,
8 actually, those are in my list, but that's okay.

9 On the check run was a credit card
10 payment for turnout gear. And I had asked that
11 same thing, because it was on their multi-time
12 turnout gear bags.

13 And the response to it, well, I'll
14 -- I'll let the responders respond to it. I know
15 what it was.

16 (No response.)

17 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. I'll
18 respond.

19 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Well, I do
20 know what it is.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

22 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: The bags were
23 -- were ordered and because of availability, they
24 were delivered as they were available.

25 It was a bulk order of 30 bags.

1 But, they were delivered as they
2 were available and, also, invoiced as they were
3 available.

4 So it was multiple invoices to equal
5 thirty bags.

6 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. And they were
7 on there -- there were 60 different line items on
8 there.

9 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: And those are bags
11 to store the second turnout gear for --

12 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: The second
13 set of gear. Yes.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: -- the second set
15 of gear.

16 Anything else?

17 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Um-hm.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

19 So, in reviewing these
20 disbursements, they appear to be reasonable and
21 necessary in the conduct of the District's
22 business.

23 Chief -- Chief Spiegel, were these
24 checks prepared per your recommendation?

25 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, they

1 were.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Do they violate any
3 state bidding statutes or constitute installment
4 payments?

5 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: None that I'm
6 aware of.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: I make a motion that
8 we accept the disbursements as prepared.

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I second the
10 motion.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: Any discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

15 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

17 Motion passes.

18 And that concludes the Treasurer's
19 Report.

20 Let me get back to the Agenda.
21 Sorry. I believe we're on the Chief's Report,
22 but I want to make sure.

23 We are.

24 Chief?

25 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir.

1 The -- I've provided manilla folders
2 with tab items that are -- item A is -- the
3 property committee has reviewed the bids, the two
4 bids spec's that we received, the two bids for
5 concrete replacement.

6 They have recommended Keeley. They
7 were the low bid.

8 They did our work last year. We
9 were happy with the work.

10 The caveat to this is that this
11 project is over budget.

12 I have met with the controller and
13 that has been -- that will take a budget
14 adjustment, but we would like to complete the
15 project.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

17 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: And we've got
18 the prices. The total price is \$35,820.00 for
19 three projects. House One, House Three and House
20 Four.

21 DIRECTOR GANS: And I have no
22 questions about this. We would handle any budget
23 amendment at the appropriate time.

24 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: If no one else has

1 any questions, I will --

2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: What -- what was
3 the budgeted amount?

4 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Twenty-eight-
5 five?

6 MS. DEPEW: That's correct.

7 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Okay. I -- and I
8 realize --

9 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: And because
10 of this bid process, in -- in next year's budget,
11 you'll note that we did ask to include (two words
12 not clear).

13 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Right. Thank you.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: So, I will make a
15 motion to accept the bid from L. Keeley
16 Construction for the concrete work at House One,
17 Three and Four, in the total amount of
18 \$35,820.00.

19 Do I hear a second?

20 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I will second
21 that.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: Any discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

25 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

1 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

3 Motion passes three to nothing.

4 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Thank you.

5 And then tab B, item B is -- I'd
6 like to revisit the request for a proposal for a
7 -- a new pick-up truck for maintenance.

8 I think the explanation required,
9 last time, was how the -- how the trucks would be
10 re-assigned.

11 Do you have any questions regarding
12 that explanation?

13 DIRECTOR GANS: No, you provided
14 that to us --

15 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: -- by email, with
17 a copy to the public file.

18 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. So, if
20 no one else has any questions, I will --

21 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Wait. Well,
22 I'm sorry. More specifically, we're prepared to
23 advertise September 1st and then close the
24 bidding October 2nd, at close of business.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Thank

1 you.

2 I will make a motion to go out to
3 bid for a new 2017 maintenance truck to replace
4 2289 with the specifications in the printed bid
5 spec, with the -- the period, bid period from
6 September 1st, 2017 to October 2nd, 2017.

7 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Do I hear a second?

9 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I will second
10 that.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: Any discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

15 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

17 Motion passes three to nothing.

18 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Very good.

19 Thank you.

20 Item C., Michelle has provided for
21 the Board, the July financial's.

22 I'll turn this over to Michelle.

23 MS. DEPEW: Page 15 are the current
24 revenues and expenditures for July.

25 Any -- any questions?

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes. So, we're over
2 50 percent through the year.

3 MS. DEPEW: Correct.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: Or, we're just under
5 60 percent and the numbers here give us an
6 indication of -- of where we are.

7 And I note that we're off by a fair
8 amount. It's not a significant amount, but a
9 fair amount on both health and dental insurance.

10 Is -- are we looking at --
11 otherwise, we'd be at six -- at 40 plus percent
12 remaining.

13 MS. DEPEW: The health and dental --
14 and I'll look into that, we get reimbursed by the
15 participants on the retiree plan, due to Cobra
16 payments and their VEBA payments.

17 And I will need to see the
18 timeliness. I get those reports from J. W.
19 Terrell.

20 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

21 MS. DEPEW: So that fluctuates,
22 based upon those payments being made back to us.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Because, at
24 this rate, we wouldn't make it.

25 We'd be short.

1 So, if you'd look into that, that
2 would be great.

3 MS. DEPEW: I will.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: Also, under vehicle
5 maintenance, it looks like we won't make it,
6 unless nothing else breaks.

7 And, I realize, that when we budget
8 for it, we don't know what the costs will be.

9 Is there any -- anything that leads
10 us to think that it we're just over now and we'll
11 end up okay?

12 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: I'm not
13 anticipating that. We have looked at mixture's
14 budget, including cement line items, as well.

15 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

16 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: So, it's
17 going to require a budget adjustment. as well.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. But, on
19 the other hand, if you look at the bottom line,
20 and we're okay.

21 MS. DEPEW: Correct.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: So, it's the detail.

23 DIRECTOR HARRIS: We're even back on
24 the positive side.

25 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes, we are. Easy

1 for you to say.

2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Yeah.

3 DIRECTOR GANS: Softly. Yes.

4 (Referring to Director Harris being unable
5 to speak loudly.)

6 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. So
7 those were all my questions.

8 Anyone else have any questions?

9 DIRECTOR HARRIS: I have none.

10 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I have none.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: All right.

12 MS. DEPEW: Page 16 are our current
13 cash and investments. The next item on the
14 Agenda are "Investments."

15 DIRECTOR GANS: What kind of
16 whopping rates have you gotten for us.

17 MS. DEPEW: Well, my recommendation
18 is the 13 week at the point six-zero, through the
19 CDRS program through Saint Louis Bank.

20 The majority of our cash and other
21 investments are at UMB and the CDRS program keeps
22 us safe and (one word not clear).

23 And I think the 13 weeks allows us
24 the opportunity to keep reviewing these rates, in
25 hopes that they'll go up.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay. Saint Louis
2 Bank, you said?

3 MS. DEPEW: That's correct.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. And
5 we're talking about a total investment of?

6 (No response.)

7 DIRECTOR GANS: The other reading
8 expiring 8/31?

9 MS. DEPEW: That's correct.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: So, you haven't
11 added them up. I will.

12 MS. DEPEW: It's at 3,035,000.

13 DIRECTOR GANS: Exactly.

14 MS. DEPEW: What I had run, we have
15 -- we have currently accumulated 12,000 in
16 interest this year on -- on these particular
17 items.

18 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. I'm
19 guessing that because these numbers change, well,
20 they don't -- they don't change.

21 So this is the amount we're
22 investing. Is that correct?

23 MS. DEPEW: That is correct. The
24 original investment amount is \$3,000,000.00.

25 DIRECTOR HARRIS: So it is three

1 million thirty-five?

2 MS. DEPEW: We've only had -- we've
3 had the investments at Saint Louis Bank for two
4 years in a row now.

5 We continue to re-invest in the CDRS
6 program, as designed.

7 DIRECTOR HARRIS: We're \$177,000.00
8 give-or-take.

9 DIRECTOR GANS: Well, the give-or-
10 take is what I don't want.

11 DIRECTOR HARRIS: No.

12 DIRECTOR GANS: So, I'm going to --

13 DIRECTOR HARRIS: That's --

14 DIRECTOR GANS: -- do it this way.

15 DIRECTOR HARRIS: That's it.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. So I
17 will make a motion to invest those current
18 investments, expiring on August 31st, 2017 --
19 that's how I'll handle it, in 13 weeks CDRS at
20 Saint Louis Bank at point-six percent.

21 Do I hear a second?

22 DIRECTOR MILLNER: I'll second that.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Any discussion?

24 (No response.)

25 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

1 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

2 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

3 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

4 Motion passes.

5 MS. DEPEW: Thank you.

6 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Thank you.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: Anything else?

8 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: And then the
9 additional item E, is an update on the -- the
10 Texas -- the status of Texas.

11 We have currently kept the Board
12 pretty informed.

13 DIRECTOR GANS: Yes.

14 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Hm-hm.

15 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: We have
16 currently sent Deputy Chief Crews. He has been
17 deployed to Houston. He is a supervising -- a
18 supervisor of the Houston Division and very busy.

19 I am in contact with him.

20 And, also, we have sent our Swift
21 Water techs, Captain Towsley, Brian Towsley and
22 Captain Richard Levin. They're in the Houston
23 area, as well.

24 They are actually on boat details
25 doing rescues and working very hard.

1 We have had additional requests from
2 "E-MAC", had a request from Texas for additional
3 resources, human resources, too.

4 So we are working on -- the
5 battalion chiefs are working on two additional
6 Swift Water techs.

7 So, I don't have names, yet. We're
8 working on that, but we're looking at a 24 hour
9 deployment and would like the Board's approval to
10 -- to provide that.

11 DIRECTOR GANS: So, in 24 hours.

12 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir.

13 DIRECTOR GANS: Not for 24 hours.

14 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: No. In 24
15 hours.

16 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

17 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: It's an eight
18 -- eight day deployment commitment.

19 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

20 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: The other
21 deployment commitment, Chief Crews and the other
22 captains, is a two week possibility.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

24 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

25 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: So I think I

1 told you four to seven days. I was corrected.

2 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

3 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Okay.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: Thank you.

5 You know, it -- it is an opportunity
6 for us to help where help is needed.

7 We have had times here where we've
8 had to call on neighbors in other counties, other
9 states, and that help has come our way and I know
10 it would in the future.

11 And while it can present some
12 challenges with staffing and make some of the
13 resources here a little bit tight, I know that
14 we're able to afford to lend a hand and -- and
15 we're pleased to do so.

16 I would tell you, if we had to make
17 a decision about incurring no costs in doing it,
18 I think I know how I would lean, but we are
19 reimbursed for --

20 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes, sir, we
21 are.

22 DIRECTOR GANS: -- the costs of the
23 manpower.

24 We just have to provide it.

25 And I also am pleased that we

1 provide the training and we have qualified
2 employees, qualified firefighters and paramedics
3 who are able to use their expertise in a
4 situation that is very challenging.

5 And I'm guessing that they're
6 working their tails off, getting little sleep and
7 saving lives by the hour.

8 So, it's our pleasure, as a Board,
9 I speak for the Board, in permitting this and,
10 please, just keep us informed.

11 And it's been handed to me, by -- by
12 the "not speaking too loudly," Director Harris,
13 that he believes the Monarch crew in Houston is
14 part of a six boat group, which has already
15 effected more than 400 rescues.

16 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Wow.

17 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Yes. So, in
18 that level of detail, I got a report from Captain
19 Towsley last night that their first deployment
20 resulted in -- with the six total boats, Captain
21 -- Captain Levin and Captain Towsley reported the
22 crew had rescued over 400 people.

23 DIRECTOR GANS: Wow.

24 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: So sick and
25 very sick people, as well. So.

1 DIRECTOR GANS: Wow.

2 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: So, yes,
3 they're working hard.

4 DIRECTOR GANS: Okay.

5 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: Very skilled
6 people, too. Good -- good comment.

7 DIRECTOR GANS: Yeah. Okay.

8 ACTING CHIEF SPIEGEL: And that
9 concludes my report.

10 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Moving
11 on to the Attorney's Report.

12 MISTER HOFFMAN: Sir, I do not have
13 a report, this evening.

14 DIRECTOR GANS: All right. Do we
15 have any Old Business?

16 I'm sorry. Do we have any New
17 Business, tonight?

18 (No response.)

19 DIRECTOR GANS: Any Unfinished
20 Business?

21 (No response.)

22 DIRECTOR GANS: The Agenda for this
23 meeting includes a -- the tentative Agenda
24 includes a Closed Meeting to follow.

25 And, at this time, I will make a

1 motion to go into Closed session, pursuant to
2 Missouri Revised Statute 610.021, One, Legal
3 Actions and Advice; Two, Purchase of Real Estate;
4 Three, Personnel matters; Nine, Employee Group
5 Negotiation; Thirteen, Personnel Records.

6 Do I hear a second?

7 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Second.

8 DIRECTOR GANS: Discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 DIRECTOR GANS: All in favor?

11 DIRECTOR MILLNER: Aye.

12 DIRECTOR HARRIS: Aye.

13 DIRECTOR GANS: Aye.

14 Motion passes three to nothing.

15 We are on -- in recess from Open
16 session and we are off the record.

17 We will return to Open session after
18 the Closed Meeting is held.

19 (Whereupon, at 7:40 P.M., a Closed Meeting
20 was held, after which time, the Open Meeting was
21 called back to order at 8:29 .M., with the
22 Minutes recorded by Attorney Hoffman.)

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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Julie M. Senoj, Notary Public and professional court reporter, within and for the State of Missouri, County of St. Louis, do hereby certify that there came before me at that time and in that place first aforesaid, those persons and matters herein described and has been transcribed into typewritten form by Virginia L. Long and is now herewith returned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of August, 2017.

My commission expires March 20, 2021.

Notary Public within and
for the State of Missouri

(After the Closed Meeting, the Open Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District for August 29, 2017, is resumed as follows.)

Director Gans states that the Board of Directors is back on the record in the Open Meeting at 8:29 p.m. following a Closed Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District.

Director Gans also states that one (1) votes was taken during the Closed Meeting, which will be posted in accordance with the Missouri Sunshine Law.

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

The Open Meeting of August 29, 2017 was adjourned and off the record at 8:30 p.m.

(NOTE: The Original Minutes taken by Mister Hoffman are attached to the Official Board Meeting Minutes and may be seen at the Monarch Fire Protection District.)