

MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

A quorum of the Board of Directors being present, the Open Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District for September 28, 2021, is called to Order by Director Harris at 4:00 p.m.

It is further announced that the Open Meeting of the Board of Directors is in session for the transaction of Monarch Fire Protection District business.

Present at the Open Meeting: Director Gans, Director Harris, Director Millner, Fire Chief Spiegel, Assistant Chief Crews and legal counsel Matt Hoffman.

To begin the meeting, everyone in attendance participates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After a discussion by the Board of Directors and the administrative staff of the District, there are no changes to the Open Board Meeting Agenda.

It is also reported by Chief Spiegel that there are no citizen comments submitted by residents of the Monarch Fire Protection District for a response from the Board of Directors.

Under the President's Report, it is announced that the Tax Rate Hearing for the year 2020 is in session at 4:02 p.m.

It is also reported by Chief Spiegel that there are no citizen comments or questions submitted for the Tax Rate Hearing.

At that time, proposed Resolution 9-21 is read during the Open Board Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District as follows:

RESOLUTION 9-21
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
TO AUTHORIZE TAX RATE
LEVIES FOR THE YEAR 2022

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Monarch Fire Protection District that in order to make provision for payment of the necessary expenses of said District the following tax rate levies are hereby authorized:

- a. General Fund: To provide funds for the payment of expenses of operations and the costs of acquiring, constructing, supplying and maintaining the property, works and equipment of the District and its personnel, tax rate levies on the \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property are as follows:

Real Estate:

Residential	\$0.4280
Commercial	\$0.4430
Agricultural	\$0.3850
Personal Property	\$0.5300

- b. Ambulance Fund: To provide funds for ambulance and emergency medical services, tax rate levies on the \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property are as follows:

Real Estate:

Residential	\$0.2580
Commercial	\$0.2770
Agricultural	\$0.2390
Personal Property	\$0.3300

- c. Dispatch Fund: To provide funds for joint, central fire and emergency dispatching service, tax rate levies on the \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property are as follows:

Real Estate:

Residential	\$0.0420
Commercial	\$0.0400
Agricultural	\$0.0360
Personal Property	\$0.0480

- d. Pension Fund: To provide funds for the pensioning of members of the District, tax rate levies on the \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property are as follows:

Real Estate:

Residential	\$0.0790
Commercial	\$0.0840
Agricultural	\$0.0720
Personal Property	\$0.1000

- e. Debt Service: To provide funds for the purpose of paying maturing indebtedness of outstanding bonds of the District for the ensuing year and accrued interest thereon, tax rate levies on the \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property are as follows:

Real Estate

Residential	\$0.0890
Commercial	\$0.0890
Agricultural	\$0.0890
Personal Property	\$0.0890

After discussion, Motion by Director Harris to approve Resolution 9-21 to establish the tax rates for the year 2022. Second by Director Millner. All in favor.

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

(3-0 vote)

That concludes the President's Report.

Under the Secretary's Report, after discussion, Motion by Director Millner to approve the Open Board Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, September 14, 2021 and Tuesday, September 21, 2021. Second by Director Harris. All in favor.

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

(3-0 vote)

Motion by Director Millner to approve the Closed Board Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Second by Director Harris. All in favor.

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

(3-0 vote)

That concludes the Secretary's Report.

Under the Treasurer's Report, Director Harris states that there are total disbursements for the period in the amount of \$192,039.33.

Additionally, there are four (4) checks over the amount of \$5,000.00, which include the following:

FGM Architects - \$38,932.46 (Bond Account)
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Missouri American Water - \$108,275.00 (Bond Account)
Unum - \$5,753.54 (General Fund)

The disbursements are discussed in detail and it is announced that specific questions regarding the disbursements have previously been submitted by the Board of Directors to the District Controller.

Additionally, it is announced that a copy of the inquiries regarding the disbursements were sent electronically to the Public File of the Monarch Fire Protection District.

After discussion, Chief Spiegel states that the checks were prepared per his recommendation and, to his knowledge, the payments do not violate any state bidding statutes or constitute installment payments.

Motion by Director Harris to approve the disbursements as prepared. Second by Director Gans. All in favor.

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

(3-0 vote)

The agreement with Missouri American Water to relocate the water main related to the construction of new Fire House 3 is also discussed in detail by those in attendance.

Also, Director Harris also noted that the Battle of Yorktown began in Yorktown, Virginia, on this date (September 28) in 1781, which was a decisive victory led by General George Washington over the British army. Additionally, Alexander Hamilton also led a surprise night assault that assisted in the victory.

That concludes the Treasurer's Report.

Under the Chief's Report, geotechnological testing for new Fire House 3 is reviewed and addressed with Josh Mandell and Bill Ahal. Questions are also asked by the Board of Directors. The recommendation is to retain QTI to perform the quality testing services related to soil testing and construction oversight.

Motion by Director Harris to retain GTI to perform soil testing and construction oversight for the construction of new Fire House 3. Second by Director Millner. All in favor.

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

(3-0 vote)

Thereafter, Motion by Director Harris to approve the contract with LCS for the construction of new Fire House 2 and new Fire House 3. Second by Director Millner. All in favor.

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

(3-0 vote)

That concludes the Chief's Report.

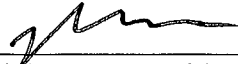
Hearing no other District business, Motion by Director Harris to adjourn the Open Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District. Second by Director Millner. All in favor.

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

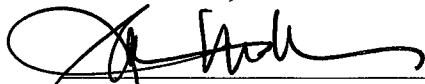
(3-0 vote)

The Open Board Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District is adjourned and off the record at 4:21 p.m.

Executed this 20th day of October, 2021.


Rick Gans, President


Robin Harris, Treasurer


Jean Millner, Secretary

(Transcribed by Mathew E. Hoffman)