

MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE JANUARY 20, 2022

A quorum of the Board of Directors being present, the Open Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District for January 20, 2022, is called to Order by Director Millner at 2:33 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 rises to their feet and 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.

Also, it is reported by Chief Spiegel that there are no public citizen comments or questions submitted by residents of the Monarch Fire Protection District for a response from the Board of Directors or the administrative staff.

Under the Secretary's Report, after discussion, there are no changes to the District Board Meeting Minutes as drafted by legal counsel.

Motion by Director Millner to approve the Open Board Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, December 21, 2021 and Thursday, January 6, 2022. Second by Director Harris. All in favor.

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

(3-0 vote)

Motion by Director Millner to approve the Closed Board Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, December 21, 2021 and Thursday, January 6, 2022. Second by Director Harris. All in favor.

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

(3-0 vote)

That concludes the Secretary's Report.

Under the Treasurer's Report, it is announced that there are total disbursements for the Monarch Fire Protection District for the period in the amount of \$628,594.05.

Additionally, there are eight (8) checks over the amount of \$5,000.00, which include the following:

Modern Business Interiors - \$24,843.93
Purcell Tire - \$7,905.60
Tech Electronics - \$6,392.91
Central County 911 - \$110,840.51
FeatherShark - \$5,629.99
St. Louis Bank - \$230,217.00
UHS - \$196,055.89
Unum - \$5,715.48

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 Millner. All in favor.

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

(3-0 vote)

That concludes the Treasurer's Report.

Under the Chief's Report, the epoxy floor at the Training Pavilion is discussed with the administrative staff of the District and questions are asked by the Board of Directors. After discussion, it is decided that the District will go out to bid for the epoxy floor project.

Motion by Director Gans to go out to bid for the epoxy floor project at the District Training Pavilion with a bid return date of February 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Second by Director Millner. All in favor.

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

(3-0 vote)

Health insurance options for District retirees is also reviewed and addressed during the Open Board Meeting by those in attendance, including Captain Nick Smith and HR Director Melanie Wilson. Possible options regarding retirement age and dependent coverage are discussed in detail, together with the related costs. Questions are also asked by the Board of Directors.

Motion by Director Harris to approve a Side Letter to provide healthcare benefits for retirees sixty (60) years and older, along with their dependents, until Medicare eligible. Second by Director Gans. All in favor.

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

(3-0 vote)

The purchase of Builder's Premium Risk coverage for Fire House 3 is discussed by those in attendance during the Open Board Meeting, including the cost and coverage parameters.

Motion by Director Millner to approve Builder's Premium Risk coverage for Fire House 3 in the amount of \$6,593.00. Second by Director Harris. All in favor.

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

(3-0 vote)

That concludes the Chief's Report.

Under New Business, the following Board Meeting dates are to be posted on the District website:

February 3, 2022 at 3 pm
February 10, 2022 at 3 pm
February 18, 2022 at 3 pm
February 24, 2022 at 3 pm (followed by a Pension Meeting)

Motion by Director Millner to go into Closed Session in accordance with Section 610.021 of the Missouri Revised Statutes to address the following topics:

- Personnel

Second by Director Harris. All in favor.

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

(3-0 vote)

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

Director Millner announces that the Board of Directors is back on the record in the Open Meeting at 3:36 p.m. following a Closed Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District.

Director Millner also states on the Open Meeting record that no votes were taken by the Board of Directors during the Closed Board Meeting.

At that time, the Board of Directors held a moment of silence in honor of St. Louis City firefighter Ben Polson. He died in the line of duty on February 13, 2022.

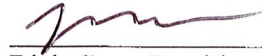
Hearing no other District business, Motion by Director Millner to adjourn the Open Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District. Second by Director Harris. All in favor.

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

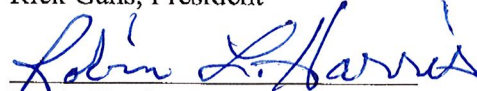
(3-0 vote)

The Open Board Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District is adjourned and off the record at 3:39 p.m.

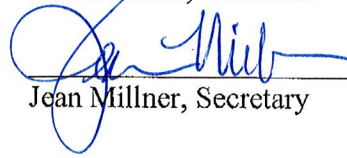
Executed this 7 day of March, 2022.



Rick Gans, President



Robin Harris, Treasurer



Jean Millner, Secretary

(Transcribed by Mathew E. Hoffman)