## **MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

## **OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

## **MEETING DATE NOVEMBER 17, 2022**

A quorum of the Board of Directors being present, the Open Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District for November 17, 2022, is called to Order by Director Gans at 3:30 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.

<u>Present at the Open Meeting</u>: Director Gans, Director Harris, Director Millner, Fire Chief Spiegel, Fire Chief Elect Adams, 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.

It is also reported 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 during the Open Board Meeting, there are no changes to the District Board Meeting Minutes as drafted by the District's legal counsel.

Motion by Director Millner to approve the Open Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 6, 2022, Monday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 19, 2022. Second by Director Gans. All in favor.

Director Millner – Aye Director Harris - Aye Director Gans - Aye (3-0 vote)

Motion by Director Millner to approve the Closed Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 6, 2022, Monday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 19, 2022. Second by Director Gans. All in favor.

Director Millner – Aye Director Harris - Aye Director Gans - 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 \$72,526.01.

It is also announced that there are five (5) checks over the amount of \$5,000.00, which include the following:

Conrad Fire Equipment - \$10,351.64 Energy Petroleum - \$5,713.47 FeatherShark - \$6,651.24 Firecom - \$6,532.46 Standard Insurance - \$7,029.15

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 in the Open Board Meeting that a copy of the inquiries regarding the disbursements were also sent electronically to the Public File of the Monarch Fire Protection District.

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

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

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

(3-0)

Additionally, it is noted that Veteran's Day was previously known as Armistice Day, which recognized the end of World War I in 1918.

That concludes the Treasurer's Report.

Under the Chief's Report, the IT preparation at the Administration Building is discussed by those in attendance. This is a 2023 Budget item that will be addressed at a future meeting.

It is announced that the remainder of the Chief's Report will be addressed after the President's Report.

Under the President's Report, the Oath of Office is administered by Director Gans during the Open Board Meeting to newly promoted Fire Chief Russ Adams.

It is announced that the Open Board Meeting is in recess at 3:42 p.m.

The Open Board Meeting is again called to Order at 4:02 p.m.

It is announced that the remainder of the President's Report will be addressed after the Chief's Report.

Under the Chief's Report, the replacement of the District's Motorola radios is reviewed and addressed in detail during the Open Board Meeting. The administrative staff is waiting on a revised quote with discounted pricing, which will include a ten (10) year service plan. It is decided that this item will be addressed at a future meeting.

That concludes the Chief's Report.

Under the President's Report, two (2) Tip of the Helmet Awards are presented by Deputy Chief Harper and the Board of Directors to Hanna McDonald and Luke Mascara for saving the life of a young seven (7) year old swimmer.

It is announced that the Open Board Meeting is in recess at 4:13 p.m.

The Open Board Meeting is again called to Order at 4:22 p.m.

Under New Business, the following meeting dates are set, which will also be posted on the District website:

December 1, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. – Open Board Meeting December 8, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. – Closed Board Meeting December 14, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. – Open Board Meeting December 22, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. – Closed Board Meeting

January 5, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. – Open Board Meeting January 12, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. – Closed Board Meeting January 19, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. – Open Board Meeting January 26, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. – Closed Board Meeting

That concludes New Business.

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

- Legal issues and advice;
- Personnel.

Second by Director Harris. All in favor.

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

(3-0)

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

Director Gans announces that the Board of Directors is back on the record in the Open Meeting at 5:05 p.m. following a Closed Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District.

Director Gans also states on the Open Meeting record that one (1) vote was taken by the Board of Directors during the Closed Board Meeting, which will be announced in accordance with the Missouri Sunshine Law.

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

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

(3-0)

The Open Board Meeting of the Monarch Fire Protection District is adjourned and off the record at 5:06 p.m.

Executed this	day of	, 2023.
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Rick Gans, President

Robin Harris, Treasurer

Jean Millner, Secretary

(Transcribed by Mathew E. Hoffman)