



West Licking Joint Fire District
851 East Broad Street
Pataskala, Ohio 43062

Board of Trustees

MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2023

Dan Wetzel, Vice President opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Jersey – Dan Wetzel	Kirkersville – James Kincaid II
Harrison – Mark Van Buren	Pataskala – Tom Lee
Etna – Jeff Johnson	Reynoldsburg – Stacie Baker – absent
Hebron – Randy Wolf – absent	

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Wetzel motioned to go into executive session at 6:04 p.m. to consider the discipline, compensation and investigation of charges against a public employee or official. ORC 121.22.1. Mr. Lee seconded. Vote: Kincaid – yes; Johnson – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Baker joined the meeting and executive session at 6:18 p.m.

Mr. Kincaid motioned to come out of executive session at 7:54 p.m. Mr. Lee seconded. Vote: Kincaid – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Wetzel left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Lee motioned to approve the November 9, 2023, Board Meeting minutes. Mr. Baker seconded. Vote: Kincaid – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Baker – yes; Lee – yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Mr. Johnson motioned to approve the November 2023 financial statements. Mr. Kincaid seconded. Vote: Kincaid – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Mr. Johnson motioned to approve the vouchers for November 2023. Mr. Lee seconded. Vote: Kincaid – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes. **Motion carried.**

CHIEF:

A. Todd Magers, Chief, informed the Board the District attended a meeting with the Village of Hebron and Microsoft who purchased 500 acres in Hebron. Microsoft informed the District that the municipality should always request for the District to be made whole during negotiations to see what the developer is willing to do towards this. The District will compile a letter to this affect for the municipalities to present to Developers when they are in negotiations.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF EMS:

A. Joseph Krouse, Assistant Chief informed the Board, the November stats are contained in their packet if there are any questions.

- B. AC Krouse recognized Station 406 3-unit crew for a cardiac arrest run where the crew got a pulse back and the patient is currently recovering. This was the following employees: Captain Molter, FF Frebault, FF Tittle, FF Hall, and FF Berry.
- C. Chief Magers informed the Board that the District is putting together an after action report concerning the bus/semi crash on I-70 and may be completed in January and sent out to the Board Members.

ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- A. Assistant Chief Jack Treinish informed the Board the District had the ponds cleaned out and took down some trees at New Station 403.
- B. AC Treinish informed the Board the employees that are housed at Station 404 are moving to Station 403 until the new station is ready to open. The new station should be completed the second or third week of January 2024.
- C. AC Treinish informed the Board the District will be meeting with Reynoldsburg, Robertson Construction and Moody Nolan on December 20th at 10:00 am at the Reynoldsburg city offices if anyone wishes to attend.

ADMINISTRATOR:

- A. Laurie Mayle, Administrator, informed the Board, the District is having discussions with Jagger Construction concerning the bridges that are contained within the bike/walking path plans.

Ms. Mayle stated the City of Reynoldsburg's Mayor reached out a couple of weeks ago to Representative Kevin Miller and was informed the State does have funding to help with these types of projects. The City is going to apply for funding on behalf of the District.

- B. Ms. Mayle informed the Board, Marc Fishel has received notice of arbitration concerning the issue with the EMS basic employees.
- C. Ms. Mayle informed the Board, the change of insurance has been very challenging.

FISCAL OFFICER:

- A. Donna Hubner, Fiscal Officer informed the Board the District has received notice from Fishel, Downey, Albrecht & Riepenhoff LLP notice of an hourly increase for 2024 to \$220.00 per hour. Does the Board want to request a new CFS reflecting this change.

It was the consensus of the Board to request a new CFS at this time.

- B. Ms. Hubner informed the Board the District is in receipt of the annual invoice for ESO, the EMS reporting software. The invoice total is \$31,682.98 and needs approval to pay this.

Mr. Kincaid motioned to pay ESO \$31,682.98. Mr. Lee seconded. Vote: Kincaid – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes. **Motion carried.**

- C. Ms. Hubner presented to the Board Resolution 2023-11 *A Resolution For Additional And Supplemental Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures For Year Ending December 31, 2023.*

Mr. Lee motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-11. Mr. Kincaid seconded. Vote: Kincaid – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes. **Motion carried.**

D. Ms. Hubner presented Resolution 2023-12 *2024 Permanent Appropriations Budget.*

Mr. Baker motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-12. Mr. Johnson seconded. Vote: Kincaid – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes. **Motion carried.**

E. Ms. Hubner requested to purchase from iSimulate USA and Laedral Medical updated CPR equipment. The total cost is \$17,608.00.

Mr. Lee motioned to approve the purchase at a not to exceed cost of \$17,608.00. Mr. Kincaid seconded. Vote: Kincaid – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes. **Motion carried.**

LOCAL 3025:

A. Tom Barnhill, Local 3025 President requested the Board donate to Live Cad as the District has done in the past. Last time the District donated \$2,000.00.

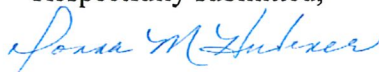
Mr. Kincaid motioned to donate \$2,000.00 to NIPST for the Live Cad. Mr. Lee seconded. Vote: Kincaid – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes. **Motion carried.**

B. Mr. Barnhill informed the Board the Local has approximately 130 families signed up for help with Christmas. There will be another toy drive held this Saturday, December 16th.

C. Mr. Barnhill expressed the dissatisfaction of the employees with the new insurance company and Waypoint Benefits.

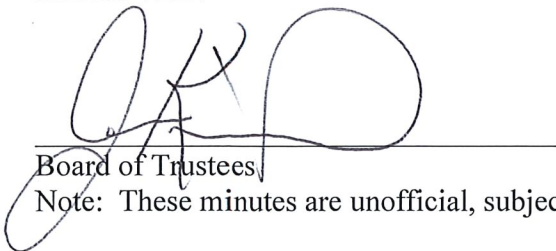
There being no further business, Mr. Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Hubner
Fiscal Officer

APPROVED:



Board of Trustees

President
Title

Note: These minutes are unofficial, subject to amendment, until approved by the Fire Board Members.