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## MINUTES

Promotion Ceremony and Monthly Board Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 2025,

Promotion Ceremony at 5:00 PM and Monthly Board Meeting at 6:00 PM

Station 1 – 34W500 Carl Lee Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174

5:00 PM – Promotion Ceremony and Trustee Retirement

- Fire Chief Michael Hill presented retiring Trustees John Karr and Pam Turriff with tokens of appreciation for serving the District.
- The District promoted David Almeida to the rank of Battalion Chief and Nicholas Costantino to the rank of Lieutenant. Refreshments with family and friends followed.

### 1. Call to Order

Trustee Karr called the Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District Public Hearing to order at 6:05 PM.

- a. Present: 4 Trustees – Karr, McManus, Seiffert, Turriff Absent: 0  
Also present are Fire Chief Michael Hill, John Motylinski with Ottosen Law Firm, James Howard with Gov Accounting via Zoom, Administrative Coordinator Tracy Dunklau, residents, citizens, and members of the District.
- b. Trustee Karr led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- c. A motion was made by Trustee Turriff and seconded by Trustee Seiffert to appoint Trustee Karr as President Pro-Tem.  
On voice vote: All Ayes were heard. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### 2. Reports:

- a. Financial Report – James Howard, with Gov. Accounting, provided the financial analysis and revenue highlights for the ten months ending March 31, 2025.
- b. Chief's Report – Fire Chief Michael Hill provided the April District highlights. He reported that the Station 3 trades had moved inside, with framing and drywalling in progress. The District again received the GFOA designation of excellence award and acknowledged James Howard and Gov. Accounting positive contributions.
- c. Attorney's Report – Attorney John Motylinski reported there has not been much movement on the legislature allowing fire districts to bill assisted living facilities after the seventh EMS transport.
- d. President's Report – Trustee Karr updated the board on the Station 3 construction project. He and Deputy Chief Niesel continue to work daily at the construction site, overseeing the scope of work. Trustee Karr reported that the McManus Investigation will be approaching \$20,000.
- e. Trustees Report – Trustee McManus asked about staffing.

3. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Turriff and seconded by Trustee Seiffert to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- a. Approval of the April 22, 2025, Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of the April 22, 2025, Closed Session Minutes
- c. Approval of the monthly invoices

On roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 4 Karr, McManus, Seiffert, Turriff                      No: 0                      Absent: 0

**The Motion Carried**

4. Old Business: None

5. New Business:

- a. A motion was made by Trustee Turriff and seconded by Trustee Seiffert to approve Resolution 2025-02 Declaring Ambulance (2016) as surplus property and authorizing and directing its sale.

On roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 4 Karr, McManus, Seiffert, Turriff                      No: 0                      Absent: 0

**The Motion Carried**

- b. A motion was made by Trustee Turriff and seconded by Trustee Seiffert to keep the Closed Session Minutes Closed

On roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 4 Karr, McManus, Seiffert, Turriff                      No: 0                      Absent: 0

**The Motion Carried**

- c. A motion was made by Trustee Seiffert and seconded by Trustee Turriff to approve the hourly rate increase for Band II employees (\$0.50/hr) retroactive to May 1<sup>st</sup>.

On roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 4 Karr, McManus, Seiffert, Turriff                      No: 0                      Absent: 0

**The Motion Carried**

- d. A motion was made by Trustee Seiffert and seconded by Trustee Turriff to approve the addition of one cardiac monitor to the Zoll Lease Program.

On roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 4 Karr, McManus, Seiffert, Turriff                      No: 0                      Absent: 0

**The Motion Carried**

- e. A motion was made by Trustee Seiffert and seconded by Trustee Turriff to approve the WellPath Settlement Agreement as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 4 Karr, McManus, Seiffert, Turriff                      No: 0                      Absent: 0

**The Motion Carried**

- f. A motion was made by Trustee Turriff and seconded by Trustee Seiffert to approve the Pump Monitoring Agreement for Station 2 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 4 Karr, McManus, Seiffert, Turriff

No: 0

Absent: 0

**The Motion Carried**

- g. Discussion and possible approval of Litigation Settlement was tabled.

- h. A motion was made by Trustee Turriff and seconded by Trustee Seiffert to Approve the Resolution 2025-01 Censuring Trustee McManus and Releasing the McManus Investigation Report to the Public.

On roll call, the vote was:

Yes: 3 Karr, Seiffert, Turriff

No: 0

Absent: 0

Present: 1 McManus

**The Motion Carried**

6. Closed Session: None

7. Adjournment: With no further business brought before the Board, a motion was made by Trustee Turriff and Seconded by Trustee McManus to adjourn the Monthly Board Meeting at 7:16 PM.

On voice vote: All Ayes were heard. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary