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Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting of the Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District

Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM. Station 1 – 34W500 Carl Lee Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174.

1. Call to Order

President Nick Manheim called the Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District Monthly Board Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

A. Roll Call

Present: Trustees Gaffney, Manheim, Kennedy, McManus (4)

Absent: Trustee Seiffert (1)

Also present: Fire Chief Michael Hill, Deputy Chief Jim Niesel, Attorney Joe Miller, Accountant James Howard (Remote), Admin Coordinator Tracy Dunklau, and residents

B. President Manheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment

- A. Resident Pam Turriff thanked the District firefighters for attending the Whitmore Place and Whitmore Place Townhomes HOA picnic. She shared that the children and adults enjoyed the event and noted that the firefighters attended with the engine and ambulance, and that they participated in volleyball.

Chief Hill thanked the HOA for the invitation. He had spoken with the crews who attended, and they look forward to participating in future events with the HOA's.

3. Reports

A. Financial Report

Accountant James Howard attended remotely and provided the financial analysis and revenue highlights for the month ending June 30, 2026. He reported June was the District's strongest revenue month in the past three years.

Chief Hill confirmed that he submits legislation witness slips to the District's representatives to advocate on behalf of the District, particularly regarding the continued GEMT program.

B. Chief's Report

Fire Chief Michael Hill presented the June 2026 District highlights, including:

Chief Hill reported on the hiring of eight new part-time employees. He also discussed the severe weather event the previous week, during which a possible microburst caused a tree to strike a vehicle while driving, resulting in one occupant being transported to the hospital.

Chief Hill reviewed the gas main rupture that occurred when a construction crew struck the main on Route 64 near Campton Crossings. The incident resulted in the evacuation of the area for most of the day. No injuries or property damage were reported.

The District responded to two water-related incidents in June. One response was a mutual aid request in Elgin, with no recovery, and the other occurred in the District and resulted in a deceased recovery.

Chief Hill and Deputy Chief Niesel also attended a Line of Duty Death seminar.

C. Attorney's Report

Attorney Miller provided the Board with a legislative update. He stated that the GEMT rate should be aligned with transportation costs.

Attorney Miller also provided an update on the apparatus class-action lawsuit and stated that he would provide additional information to attorney Motylinski, who would then provide it to Chief Hill.

D. President's Report

President Manheim reported that he had completed Chief Hill's performance review and would be sending a written copy to the Chief and the Board.

4. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Trustee Gaffney and seconded by Trustee Kennedy to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Items Approved:

- A. Minutes of the June 9, 2026, Monthly Board Meeting - Open Session
- B. Minutes of the June 9, 2026, Monthly Board Meeting – Closed Session
- C. Monthly Invoices

Roll Call Vote:

Yea: Trustees Gaffney, Manheim, Kennedy, McManus (4-0)

Absent: Trustee Seiffert (1)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

5. Action Items:

- A. Intergovernmental Agreement – St. Charles Park District
The intergovernmental Agreement between the Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District and the St. Charles Park District was tabled.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee Gaffney and seconded by Trustee McManus to approve the Station 3 Fuel Pump Installation not to exceed \$30,000.
Yea: Trustees Gaffney, Manheim, Kennedy, McManus (4-0)
Absent: Trustee Seiffert (1)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

- C. A motion was made by Trustee Gaffney and seconded by Trustee Kennedy to approve the Mendel Plumbing proposal for the purchase and installation of a new HVAC System at Station 1, not to exceed \$28,000.

Yea: Trustees Gaffney, Manheim, Kennedy, McManus (4-0)

Absent: Trustee Seiffert (1)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business

- A. Trustee McManus commented on the relationship between Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District and the St. Charles Fire Department.

8. Closed Session – None

9. Adjournment

President Manheim announced the next regular Board Meeting will be held on August 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

With no further business brought before the Board, a motion was made by Trustee Kennedy and seconded by Trustee Manheim to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. All trustees present voted in favor, and the motion carried (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,

TJ Seiffert, Secretary