



Western Cass Fire Protection District
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Fire Headquarters
5 S. Rogers Rd., Cleveland, MO 64734

Session Minutes

If you are not able to attend in-person, please join us with the virtual link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/4hm9jkhv>

1) Call to Order by the Secretary 7:01 P.M.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call (Quorum)

- a) President and Chair John Webb (2022- 2027)
- b) Director Sue Hosterman (2019-2025)
- c) Director and Treasurer Kerri VanMeveren (2020-2026)
- d) Director Darvin Schildknecht (2021-2027)
- e) Vice Chair Marty Hardman (2022- 2023)

4) A motion to adopt the Wednesday, May 18, 2022 Agenda was passed by consent with no dissention.

5) Swear in New Personnel

- a) John Johnson was sworn in as the new WCFPD Fire Chief.
- c) Dale Doty was sworn in as a WCFPD firefighter.

6) Personal Appearances / Public Comments

7) Reports

a) President and Chair John Webb reported that the district is currently seeking new employees. The district lawyer is writing new contract language for the district to use. The lawyer is also looking into legal charges to levy against Kevin Collins.

b) Vice Chair Marty Hardman reported that she had talked to Smartpro about changing email names to titles. Kerri took issue with this because she says we are going to switch vendors so the changes are unnecessary.

A motion was made to change email names to titles and failed.

President and Chair John Webb	Abstain
Director Sue Hosterman	Abstain
Director Kerri VanMeveren	Nay

Director Darvin Schildknecht	Nay
Vice Chair Marty Hardman	Aye

c) Director and Treasurer Kerri VanMeveren

1) We do not have the proper paperwork that we need for that Sate filing that Monte said he would work on for us.

2) The report due to the County Clerk's office in April was sent but the CPA is not producing all of the information that we need.

3) Kerri says she has been working with our CPA on the new tax levy.

4) The insurance money for station 2 was rolled into the general fund because some "unnamed" person told Kerri that the claim had been closed because it had been neglected for a year.

5) The two phone numbers for the district do not function.

a) The district pays \$5.98 per month for both numbers but they need to be reprogrammed in order to function properly.

b) The bill is on auto pay and UMMA is a voice over IP service.

6) The ATT account has been finally cancelled and they will investigate crediting us for the payments going back to October 2021.

7) The software PSTrax will cost us \$3900 per year if we decide to subscribe to their service.

8) Kerri announced her immediate resignation from the post of treasurer.

a) She claims policies are not being followed in the manner she would like and she is afraid that she will have personal liability and legal risk over the issues she perceives.

b) She said she set up a packet for who ever shall be the new treasurer that will help with the transition.

9) A motion was made to add Marty Hardman as a second signatory to the Citizens Bank account and to remove Kerri VanMeveren from the account and was passed.

President and Chair John Webb	Nay
Director Sue Hosterman	Nay
Director Kerri VanMeveren	Aye
Director Darvin Schildknecht	Aye
Vice Chair Marty Hardman	Aye

10) A motion was made to revise the bank online portal access of Kerri VanMeveren to view only access the same as Darvin, Sue, and John and was passed.

President and Chair John Webb	Aye
Director Sue Hosterman	Aye
Director Kerri VanMeveren	Aye
Director Darvin Schildknecht	Aye
Vice Chair Marty Hardman	Aye

d) Director Sue Hosterman reported that our insurance extension will last until October of 2022.

e) Director Darvin Schildknecht

1) Darvin expressed his unhappiness that the contract for lawn mowing was signed without the board reviewing the contract first, and then went on to complain that the minutes for the meeting are not always presented within 5 days of the meetings.

2) Darvin insisted that any new items need to be presented to the board a week prior to any action taken so that they can be considered.

3) Darvin and Kerri then harangued John for setting up both the lawn service and the inventory. Kerri claimed he was exceeding his authority and breaking the rules and that both were never approved by the board.

a) John pointed out that both the lawn mowing and inventory were approved by the board on March 16, 2022.

b) Darvin and Kerri then directed their criticism towards the contracts for both, instead of the action, taken in fulfillment of the expressed intent of the board via the March 16, 2022 vote that they both approved on March 16, 2022.

c) The secretary responded that the minutes would be available when they are done and if that is unacceptable, they can look elsewhere.

d) A motion was made to accept Stephanie Toliver's contract for the position of District Manager that she currently holds was passed.

President and Chair John Webb	Aye
Director Sue Hosterman	Aye
Director Kerri VanMeveren	Nay
Director Darvin Schildknecht	Nay
Vice Chair Marty Hardman	Aye

f) Fire Chief John Johnson reported that he has just been sworn in and therefore has nothing to report at this time.

8) Unfinished Business

a) A motion to approve the 2022.05.11 Special Session Closed Minutes passed by consent with no dissention.

b) Strategy Planning Session was deferred until a later date.

9) New Business

A) Coordination with Cleveland Police Department on June 11 Festival participation was discussed by the board. City Alderman Dave Hardman asked if the fire department could fill a dunk tank for the festival and the Chief said he was unsure if that would be legal.

B) A motion to adopt the ADMIN/ Firefighter staff hiring workflow diagrams was passed by consent with no dissention.

1) Chief Johnson asked the board what kind of department they want him to create.

a) A department that has fire personnel living on site at the stations.

b) A department that has an out of district volunteer program that is cheaper to maintain.

c) No real consensus was arrived at by the board.

2) Darvin stated that he thought Kevin Collins was now working at East Cass Fire Department and asked the chief if they are aware of his negative activities.

3) The Chief stated that the system of using Lee's Summit to route our calls was ridiculous and that the county sheriff's office routing calls is the best method. He said most county's will be handling emergency calls soon.

4) A motion made to approve the contract to Hire John Johnson as the Fire Chief for WCFPD was approved by consent with no dissention.

10) Closed Session – Personnel and Legal matters are confidential until such time as they may be made public by the Board of Directors, and the nondisclosure of such records outweighs the public interest in disclosure of the records as according to RSMo 610.021(1)(3)(13)(19).

1) She that officer who took the report told them he sees both sides because he is also a volunteer firefighter.

2) Kerri and Darvin feel that the sheriff's office is compromised and will not act on our behalf.

3) Kevin Collins is now deleting his posts on social media for some reason.

H) Linda Veatch told the district that Mr. Collins complained to her employer that her working for WCFPD was a conflict of interest with her employment at the bank where she works.

I) Tyler Addison removed himself from employment consideration by the district because he feels threatened by Mr. Collins.

1) He does not think we have observed our own confidentiality and privacy policies.

2) Someone alerted his estranged mother to the fact he has moved back to the area, and she contacted him and threatened him.

3) It is suspected that someone in the district leaked information to Mr. Collins about Tyler Addison and it was he who alerted Tyler's estranged mother as to his whereabouts.

J) President Webb made a motion to approve Nice Bear Consulting to complete the inventory that they already started and was passed.

President and Chair John Webb	Aye
Director Sue Hosterman	Aye
Director Kerri VanMeveren	Nay
Director Darvin Schildknecht	Nay
Vice Chair Marty Hardman	Aye

11) Adjourn 10:15 P.M.