



Minutes

Hillsboro Fire Protection District Incoming Board of Directors Meeting

📅 Wed April 14th, 2021

🕒 7:15pm - 7:30pm CDT

👤 In Attendance

Gary W. Boyer, Robert Brown, Brian Gaudet, Matt Woods

1 Meeting Opening

1.1 Call to Order

Decision: The Incoming Board of Directors meeting of the Hillsboro Fire Protection District was called to order on March 10th, 2021 at 7:10PM, at Hillsboro Fire Protection District Station 1, in the Boardroom, Located at 120 5th Street, Hillsboro, MO 63050. Present were Gary Boyer, Matt Woods and Robert Brown. Fire Chief Brian Gaudet and Deputy Chief Jason Darain were also present. Director Gary Boyer will “Chair” the meeting and he announced that a quorum was present. Fire Chief Brian Gaudet recorded the minutes.

2 Special Orders of the Day

2.1 Director's Oath of Office

Robert D. Brown and Gary W. Boyer took and signed their oath of office for filing with the Jefferson County Clerk's Offices.

2.2 Board of Directors Reorganization

Decision: Director Gary Boyer stated there was an election. Robert Brown was elected to finish a 4 year unexpired term and Gary Boyer was elected to a 6 year term.

Director Boyer stated with the newly elected Board Members; the Board must elect the Officer Positions for the Board Members. Director Woods made a motion that Director Boyer maintains the Board President position, Director Boyer made a motion that Director Woods maintains the Treasurer's Position and that Director Brown becomes the Secretary. All Directors were in favor of the two motions on the floor and a roll call vote was taken:

Director Boyer: Aye

Director Woods: Aye

Director Brown: Aye

The motion carried without objection.

Director Boyer made a motion to continue to have Brian Gaudet record the minutes on behalf of the Secretary of the Board of Directors. All were in favor and the motion carried without objection.

3 Approval of Consent Agenda

3.1 Addition or Deletions

Decision: Director Gary Boyer asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Being none, Director Boyer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried without objection.

4 Fire Marshal's Report

4.1 Monthly Fire Marshal's Report March 2021 Fire Marshal's Report

Building Permits

Permits Issued - 1

Fees Charged - \$1,031.00

Fees Collected - \$0.00

5 Fire Chief's Report

5.1 Previous Month's Alarm Report

For the month of March 2021, we ran 101 alarms. It was a very busy month with lots of brush fires. We are well ahead of our call count from this time last year.

5.2 **Written Chief's Report**

Chief Gaudet discussed the attached written Chief's report with the Board.

5.3 **Tax Increase**

Chief Gaudet and the Board discussed the recent tax increase failure. After a long discussion the Directors were in agreement that we should try again in April of 2022 and drop from a \$0.50 tax increase to a \$0.25 tax increase. We will scrap the plans for a new firehouse and attempt to retain the 6 AFG SAFER employees on a permanent basis.

6 **Communications**

7 **Old Business**

7.1 **Heavy Rescue Trailer Update/Graphics Purchase**

Chief Gaudet asked the Board of Directors to spend \$1,500.00 out of the previous \$10,000.00 approved to wrap the Heavy Rescue Trailer. The work will be completed by Vinyl Images out of Fenton MO. All of the Directors were in favor and stated the money has already been approved.

7.2 **Shared Apparatus Agreement Update**

Chief Gaudet gave an update on the agreement with the spare apparatus. There has been some issues that has arisen with ISO and Desoto Rural. ISO requires a spare engine for every 8 in service engine companies. With Hillsboro, Mapaville and Desoto Rural sharing the apparatus that would put us way over and require 2 reserve engines. So Desoto Rural may be out of the agreement, but Chief Gaudet spoke with Chief Brown at Mapaville and both entities are still in favor of sharing the apparatus. The Board members were still in favor of pursuing the shared apparatus agreement even if Desoto Rural cannot participate.

8 **New Business**

8.1 **Comprehensive Insurance Renewal**

Decision: Chief Gaudet presented the Board with the May 1st 2021 Comprehensive Insurance Renewal quote from Custom Insurance. The policy is underwritten by Continental Western/Fire Pak. The cost for the period of 5/1/2021 - 5/1/2020 is \$22,931.00. Chief Gaudet stated we were underinsured on contents at 1 house, 2 house and the loose equipment on the apparatus. All of those numbers were upped. Director Gary Boyer made a motion to renew the insurance policy as presented. The motion carried without objection.

8.2 **Employee Medical Insurance Renewal**

Decision: Chief Gaudet presented the Board with the Medical Insurance Renewal for the period of 6/1/2021 to 6/1/2022. The plan is through Anthem and part of the Missouri Federation of Chamber of Commerces groups. We will see a 7.1% increase in premiums this coming period, which is good. Director Woods made a motion to renew the policy as presented. The motion carried without objection.

8.3 **Director Brown to the District Bank Accounts**

Decision: Chief Gaudet stated the Bank Account Signature Cards need to be updated since we have had an election. Director Boyer made a motion to remove Marcy Wokurka from the District Accounts and add Robert D. Brown to the District Bank Accounts. The motion carried without objection.

9 **Closed Executive Session**

9.1 **Section RSMo 610.021 sub paragraph (1) titled Legal Actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body**

Decision: At approximately 7:30 P.M. Director Gary Boyer made a motion to go into closed executive session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 sub paragraph (1) titled Legal Actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body. A role call vote to close the meeting and go into executive session was taken with the following outcome:

Director Gary Boyer: Aye

Director Matt Woods: Aye

Director Robert Brown: Aye

At 7:35 P.M. Director Boyer made a motion to reopen the public session. The motion carried without objection.

Director Boyer announced that one vote was taken in executive session with the following outcome:

Director Gary Boyer: Aye

Director Matt Woods: Aye

Director Robert Brown: Aye

10 **Adjournment**

Decision: Being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, Director Boyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M. The motion carried without objection

Gary W. Boyer, President

Matthew E. Woods, Treasurer

Robert D. Brown, Secretary

Brian Gaudet, Minute Recorder