



Meeting Minutes with Closed Session
Western Cass Fire Protection District
Regular Session
Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 7:00 pm
Fire Headquarters
5 S. Rogers Rd., Cleveland, MO 64734

- 1) Call to Order by the Secretary – 7 P.M.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call (Quorum)
 - a) President and Chair John Webb (2022- 2027) Present
 - b) Vice Chair Marty Hardman (2022- 2023) Present
 - c) Director Sue Hosterman (2019-2025) Present
 - d) Director Kerri VanMeveren (2020-2026) Present
 - e) Director Darvin Schildknecht (2021-2027) Present
- 4) Adopt and Approve Wednesday, July 20, 2022 Agenda
 - a) President Webb made a motion to adopt the Wednesday July 20, 2022 agenda with the caveat that is amended to include Resolutions 20220720.1, 20220720.2, 20220720.3, and 20220720.4. The motion was passed by vote after resolving a dispute with the resolutions.
 1. Director Hosterman, VanMeveren, and Schildknecht said they did not receive some of the resolutions as attachments to the original email sent that concerned the resolutions.
 2. Director VanMeveren alleged that the resolutions were purposely not sent to her , and protested the addition to the agenda citing her selfless dedication to public transparency and the public interest as the basis for her opposition.
 3. The original email was viewed and showed clearly that the recipients were all sent the four resolutions, and any such failure in the transmission of said attachments was the fault of the vendor not any board member.
 4. The four resolutions were copied and studied by the board before finally adopting the agenda.

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

- 5) Personal Appearances / Public Comments
- 6) Reports
 - a) President and Chair John Webb

1) President Webb spoke to Lee's Summit Dispatch and they are letting us out of our contract for payment of three months fees.

2) One of the audit people talked to the state auditor, Nicole Gallway, and she said everything is up to date, and they have accepted the December 31 status.

b) Vice Chair Marty Hardman

1) Reviewed Treasurer duties with Stephanie Toliver.

2) Director Hardman made a motion to accept Stephanie Toliver as full treasurer with no restrictions and it passed.

President and Chair John Webb - Aye

Vice Chair Marty Hardman - Aye

Director Sue Hosterman - Aye

Director Kerri VanMeveren - Aye

Director Darvin Schildknecht - Aye

3) Director Hardman made a motion to approve Stephanie Toliver to have access to the Community Bank of Raymore account so that she can fulfill her duties as treasurer and pay the district's bills and it passed.

President and Chair John Webb - Aye

Vice Chair Marty Hardman - Aye

Director Sue Hosterman - Aye

Director Kerri VanMeveren - Aye

Director Darvin Schildknecht - Aye

4) Process multiple Criminal Background checks.

5) Reviewed budget with Stephanie & Jason at DWD.

c) Director Kerri VanMeveren * *see attachment*

Teams Link -

<https://westerncassfire.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/WCFDBoard/ERztUYdCntxJtiY0rgXRI5QB7561mMRzOx5yKnigg2JdKQ?e=qoGhTV>

d) Director Sue Hosterman

1) The harassment training sessions she has looked at so far are too expensive.

2) Purchasing the electronic version of Robert's Rules of Order grants a license for three persons.

e) Director Darvin Schildknecht

1) Director Schildknecht met with the mayor of Belton, Missouri for the purpose of obtaining a proposal to provide service to our district. He also met with the Fire Chief of Dolan West Dolan for the same purpose.

a) Director Hardman pointed out that he was only authorized by the board on July 6, 2022 to acquire a proposal from Belton for services, and there was no authorization to approach Dolan West Dolan.

b) Director Hardman also pointed out that any such contract would be subject to the law requiring a public notice of open bids for any such contracts.

2) Both organizations told him they have reservations about enlisting personnel that live outside the district where they will serve.

3) Belton and Freeman are currently covering the needs of our district.

4) According to a fire chief he spoke to our district does not have to conform to MoDoT regulations covering the tires on the fire trucks, and we would be wasting tax payer money replacing the old tires on the vehicles.

a) Chief Johnson spoke up at informed director Schildknecht that regardless of whether we must follow MoDot regulations the insurance company will not cover the vehicles with tires more than 7 years old.

b) Chief Johnson also informed the board he will not send out personnel in emergency vehicles that are a danger to district personnel and the public.

5) Director Schildknecht reported that Cass County currently uses E.S.O. for dispatch services and it costs \$2400 per year and a set-up fee.

6) He added all three districts are paying for the same services at present

7) Director Schildknecht said that he can not access boardroom at station 2 because the new electronic lock won't function correctly.

8) Director VanMeveren made a motion to allow Director Schildknecht to communicate with the attorney to discuss bid regulations for contracting fire services for our district, and that a written response be sent to Director Schildknecht, and he share it with the members of the board and the public and it was passed.

President and Chair John Webb - Nay

Vice Chair Marty Hardman - Nay

Director Sue Hosterman - Aye

Director Kerri VanMeveren - Aye

Director Darvin Schildknecht - Aye

f) Fire Chief John Johnson

7) Unfinished Business

a) President Webb made a motion to approve the 2022.07.06 Work Meeting Minutes and it passed.

President and Chair John Webb - Aye

Vice Chair Marty Hardman - Aye

Director Sue Hosterman - Aye

Director Kerri VanMeveren - Nay

Director Darvin Schildknecht - Aye

c) Establish Targets, Goals, and Key Performance Indicators - No Action Taken

d) Impact on 2022 Spending and 2023 Budgeting

e) President Webb made a motion to sign Stephanie Toliver up for the Missouri ambulance school and it was passed.

President and Chair John Webb - Aye

Vice Chair Marty Hardman - Aye

Director Sue Hosterman - Aye

Director Kerri VanMeveren - Aye

Director Darvin Schildknecht - Aye

f) Director VanMeveren accused the district secretary of keeping inaccurate minutes and refusing to alter said minutes in the way Director VanMeveren desires.

- 1) Director VanMeveren accused the secretary of hiding the videos of meetings that were taken earlier in the year from the public.
- 2) Director VanMeveren then accused the secretary of having a secret recording device at the July 7, 2022 meeting and demanded the secretary make the secret recording public.
- 3) The secretary informed the board that for every meeting he has taken the minutes, since the first he attended, Director VanMevern has sought to alter the public record after the fact.
 - a. The secretary has kept the minutes in accordance with the direction laid down by the board president, the rules for published minutes in Robert's Rules of Order as adopted by the board, and the direction of the training received by the Attorney General's office.
 - b. Director VanMeveren consistently misbehaves at board meetings violating her signed code of conduct, creates a hostile atmosphere for other board members and contractors, levels accusations of criminality at other board members, and these activities are part of the public record.
 - c. Only Director VanMeveren seeks to alter the minutes of meeting consistently, and the secretary will not cooperate with the fraudulent alteration of said public documents.
 - d. The accusation of "secret recording devices" is ridiculous. Anyone may record these public meetings for any purpose, and they may make them public or not.
 - e. The secretary has not recorded any meetings and the video recording that the secretary is dishonestly accused of hiding from previous meetings were never recovered by Smart Pro, and Director VanMeveren was the one who was tasked with recovering the videos in question.
 - f. The recovery of recorded video from meeting has been an unresolved issue for several years as referenced in emails between previous board members going back to 2021.
 - g. The decision to discontinue recording meetings was made earlier this year due to Director VanMeveren's failure to acquire the videos from Smart Pro in order to fulfill a sunshine request by former fire fighter Kevin Collins.
 - h.

4) Director VanMeveren made a motion to video record all future minutes of meeting going forward and to make them public and it failed.

President and Chair John Webb - Nay

Vice Chair Marty Hardman - Abstain

Director Sue Hosterman - Abstain

Director Kerri VanMeveren - Aye

Director Darvin Schildknecht - Aye

8) New Business

a) President Webb made a motion to accept the repair bid by M&N for Station 2, but limit them to the scope of the items covered in the insurance company's original estimate and it passed.

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

b) Banking

1) President Webb made a motion to adopt District Resolution #20220720.1 and it passed.

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

2) District Resolution #20220720.2

a) Director VanMeveren told the board she had been advised by the bank not to remove her signature. She stated that the bank had warned her against doing so because that would remove checks against fraud and embezzlement.

b) Director Hosterman said she would like more information on the subject.

President Webb made a motion to adopt Resolution #20220720.2 and it failed.

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

3) District Resolution #20220720.3 – No Action Taken

4) President Webb made a motion to adopt District Resolution #20220720.4 and it passed.

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

c) Adopt District Credit Card Policies – Tabled Pending Changes to Language

d) Director Hardman made a motion to reschedule August 17, 2022 board meeting until the last Wednesday of August 2022 to accommodate Director Hosterman being away on vacation and it was passed.

President and Chair John Webb - Aye

Vice Chair Marty Hardman - Aye

Director Sue Hosterman - Aye

Director Kerri VanMeveren - Aye

Director Darvin Schildknecht - Aye

e) Director Hardman made a motion to move into closed session and to include Chief Johnson and Stephanie Toliver and it was passed by consent agenda with no dissention.

9) Closed Session- Personnel Matters

Personnel 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).

Director Hardman made a motion to return to open session and adjourn and it was passed by consent agenda with no dissention.

10) Adjourn 10:23 P.M.