

## Millersville Rural Fire Protection District 155 County Road 482 Millersville, MO 63766

# Board of Directors Meeting June 19, 2023, 6:30 P.M.

Date: June 19, 2023 Time: 6:30 P.M.

Call to order: President Bob Hull Prayer: Pastor Jason Grubbs

Board Members Present: Jason Grubbs, Jennifer Vandeven, Robert Hull

not present Martha Friese, Annie Criddle

Chief: Fire Chief Ray Warner

Deputy Chief: Michael Bell, Bryan Burson (not present)

Auxiliary: Megan Hurst, President (not present)

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M. by Robert Hull. Jason Grubbs led us in prayer.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS Board Meetings:**

Review of May 15, 2023 regular minutes: Motion to approve with spell correction as presented by Robert Hull, Jason Grubbs seconded. All in favor. Motion passes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**: Jennifer provided expenses and Profit & Loss detail for May 2023 only. Nothing extraordinary this month per Jennifer.

The balances to date are as follows: Operations Account: \$115,975.98 Operations Debit: \$1,668.23

Auxiliary Account: \$12,809.48 Debt Service Funds: \$71,316.45 Money Market: \$80,687.58 Building Funds: \$6.07 (interest)

Per Jennifer, Census continues to give Jennifer an error. Attempted to update using Ray's credentials and receive the same error. Ticket opened for both sets of credentials. Census is for government and survey of local government finances.

Discussion about bumping Ray's coverage since he does about 1500 actual hours. Deputy Chiefs will be Class 1 Volunteers and they won't go over the hours.

Jennifer added that the financial statement to the auditor will be completed next week and the Missouri Ethics Commission filing is complete.

Missouri form 126 will be completed to update the address on the state tax exemption form for the department this week. Ray has been fighting with SAMS registration through FEMA to the address on the tax exemption form not having the new address and other documents not having the full name.

Review of an offer from Current Creditor – Debt Purchase LVNV Funding LLC for an old Viasat account for which they purchased the debt. Jennifer has requested detailed proof of this debt but has not received it to date. LVNV Funding stated it was for internet service in 2019 in previous conversations. We agreed to just pay it.

NAPA - Ray indicated when payment are mailed to the Jackson Napa store, they are sent to Cape. To date, 2 checks that have not been received by them although other checks were sent at the same time.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS:** None

**AUXILIARY REPORT:** Chief Warner reported that there was no meeting. No report until Aug /Sept 2023. Megan is working on the Christmas cards.

### **FIRE CHIEF REPORT:** Chief Warner reported on the following:

- Calls: Chief Warner reported 32 calls; reviewed the call report. It's not entirely accurate because probationary (new) members aren't allowed to respond yet. "No, Responder" had 3 again. Ray said the only way he thinks we can cover these is to get maybe 35 people on the department; we currently have 28-29 people. Still considering the Duty Officer to help cover.
  - o Ray is dealing with some personnel issues; he has it under control.
- LED Sign: Up and running and he is scheduling it out right now. He is going to get with Megan to get that transferred back to her.
- Website: Still looking into this. Ray has a lead on someone, Scott Dickerson's uncle, and he will get more details.
- Worked outside some. H&H Plumbing came in and put the gutters in. Filled in the extra space with gravel. We'll want to get more gravel in the fall after it settles and we pour the replacement concrete. Ray talked to Jeff Messmer about cleaning up the dirt and building up the necessary areas. Eddie Smart will come do the yard this fall as well. Jeff and Eddie will work together to plan it out. The expectation is to make the back hill between the station and the church to look good. Jeff will also put rock in the ditch to prevent erosion and run-off.
- The boxwoods are dying they've been getting watered. Jennifer will check to see if Lowe's has a return policy.
- Duty Officer: brief discussion reiterating purpose and need for another vehicle.
- Training Site: Chief Warner talked to Tim and Jill at the Water Board. They brought it up at their board meeting and they are very interested. Ray is still looking for property out near the county line on the North/West side of the county for a small station for a truck and training ground.
  - As Ray gets names he drives out and talks to them but no luck yet. Still looking.
- Grants:
  - o AFG 2022 still have some tools on backorder.
  - AFG 2023 approved last month breathing machine on SCBA; Ray called John at North County to see if they were bidding on Gordonville's SCBA and they are. They don't currently have any compressor and no one bid against them so they got it. Last week Ray got an email that he needs to

fill out an EHP (Environmental Protection) as to where we would put the unit if we got it. Ray sent it off and they'll start reviewing the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. Ray called Mike Ramsey, the guy who writes our grants, and he said that he would be very surprised if we didn't get it.

- American Rescue Plan Act grant we were awarded \$40,000 but haven't heard that it's been opened up and active so we can request the money.
- o American Rescue Plan Act for medical we are still waiting on confirmation about the award.
- Regional Hose grant (end 2023/beginning 2024) some of the components are in (hydrant bags) and we're still waiting on hoses. They are waiting until everything is in before they request the funds. The hoses were ordered in March and there was a 10 month lead time.
- Department Vehicles:
  - o Medical truck need scheduled for front tires and alignment due to wear.
  - ARPA looking for medical vehicle when it's approved.
- Misc: Ray wanted to see how far off he was on the budget; we have a week or so before mid-year and he's at 58% of his budget. Big money has been spent on vehicle maintenance, but it should be ok through the end of the year.
  - Building and property maintenance and capital equipment the \$22,000 for generator should come out of last year's or from the money market since that was cut during value engineering. Several repairs from the station that were value engineered Ray doesn't think should come out of his regular Building and Property Budget.

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SOS UPDATES: No report.

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### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

- Bid openings: 4 envelopes received. Bids were read and recorded. (See attached bid tabulation.) Ray has the copies and original.
  - Next step Ray will see what Genesis has to offer Monday night. Sentinel had a demonstration last week. Once the demos are done Ray will work with the team members to see what they all like.
  - Discussion about pros and cons of different brands to educate board members.

**NEXT MEETING:** July 17, 2023, 6:30 P.M.

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b> : Jason Grubbs made motion to adjourn and Jennifer Vandeven seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM. All in favor. Motion passes.
Minutes approved
Respectfully submitted,
Bob Hull, Board President

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Opening Sheet filled in by: \_\_ Jennifer Vandeven

Bids Opened & Read by: Jason Grublos

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