

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE ROCHESTER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

On the twelfth day of April, 2023, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rochester Fire Protection District was held at 7:00 p.m., pursuant to notice, 700 East Main Street, Rochester, Illinois. In attendance were the Trustees of the District: Trustee Fairchild, Trustee McBride, Trustee Spurgeon and Trustee Johnson. The Chief, John Archer, was also present as were seven members of the Department and seven members of the Public.

The first order of business was the taking of the roll call. All Trustees present and a quorum was established.

The next item of business was Review and Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2022, Special Meeting (Open/Closed); November 30, 2022, Special Meeting (Open/Closed); December 28, 2022, Special Meeting (Open/Closed); and March 8, 2023, Regular Meeting. The November 14, 2022, minutes were approved, both open and closed, and needed to be signed by the Board. The November 30, 2022, minutes, opened and closed. Motion to approve by President McBride and seconded by Trustee Spurgeon. Polled the Board and all in favor. The December 28, 2022, minutes, open and closed were tabled until the May, 2023, regular meeting. The March 8, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Trustee Spurgeon and seconded by Trustee Johnson. Polled the Board and all in favor.

The next order of business was the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve the report by Trustee Spurgeon and seconded by Trustee Johnson. Polled the Board and all in favor.

The next item of business was the Chief's Report. Motion to approve the report by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Spurgeon. Polled the Board and all in favor.

The next item of business was Old Business.

1. Discussion/Approval of Issues with the Berry Firehouse. After some discussion the item was tabled pending more input from contractors.
2. Discussion/Approval of Tuition Reimbursement Policy. Since there was a discussion of this policy at the March regular meeting, the decision to approve the policy was made at this April 12, 2023, regular meeting. Motion for approval made by Trustee Spurgeon and seconded by Trustee Johnson. Polled the Board and all in favor.

The next item of business was New Business.

1. Approval/Authorization of Purchases. Motion to approve purchases by Trustee Spurgeon and seconded by Trustee Johnson. Polled the Board and all in favor.
2. Discussion/Approval on Resolution and Agreement of the Public Safety Training Foundation Facilities in Decatur, Illinois. After a description of the facility and how it will improve training for RFPD members, the decision was made to approve the

resolution. Motion to approve by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Spurgeon. Polled the Board and all in favor.

3. Discussion/Action on moving the May 10, 2023, regular meeting to May 15, 2023. After a brief discussion a motion was made to move the meeting to May 15, 2023, by Trustee Spurgeon and seconded by Trustee Johnson. Polled the Board and all in favor.

The next item of business was Member or Public Comment. Pete Ross inquired about Greg Leach's intent to fill in a low spot on the District's farm ground. Trustee Fairchild stated that he has not talked to Greg Leach and is not aware that he has done anything about the low spot. President McBride invited Deputy Chief Polley to come to the podium. President McBride stated that several people are wanting to see an email and Deputy Chief Polley displayed it on the big screen at the front of the meeting room. President McBride asked if there was any comment to make in regards to the email. Several members of the public questioned Trustee Fairchild about the email as it had come from his personal/private email account. Trustee Fairchild stated that he had not seen this email until tonight and wondered how a personal/private email had become public. Several public members made comments about Trustee Fairchild's veracity and character and one questioned why he was still on the Board. President McBride asked if there were anymore comments to be made. FF/Paramedic Brian Gilley informed the Board that for the last eight months he and other members of the department, along with input from the command staff, have and are continuing to improve upon nighttime staffing for calls in an attempt to spread the call load out over more members of the department with good success.

The next item of business was Announcements. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. A motion for adjournment by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Spurgeon. Polled the Board and all in favor.

There being no further, or other, business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Secretary

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Rochester Fire Protection District