

SOUTHERN JACKSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 19th, 2025

Open Session:

Called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Chairman, Mike Boinski

Board of Directors meeting in attendance:

Chairman, Mike Boinski; Vice-Chairman, Carl Allison; Director, Margaret Smith; Director, Patty VanScoy; Chief Bill Large; Deputy Chief Scott Price; Assistant Chief Lee Rennolds; Fire Marshal Josh Sidebottom; Battalion Chief John Weber; Attorney Carl Scarborough and secretary/Treasurer Lisa Mahaffey were present for the meeting. Director, Ann Doughty, was excused from the meeting.

Consent Agenda Minutes:

- The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 19th Board meeting. Vice Chair, Carl Allison made a motion to approve the minutes and Chairman Mike Boinski seconded the motion.

All Directors in Favor. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report

- The Board reviewed the financial reports for the month of February 2025. Director, Margeret Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurers report pending audit, Director, Patty VanScoy seconded the motion.

All Directors in Favor. Motion carried. Treasurers Report approved.

New Business:

- Tony Lopez from the Blue Springs Elks Lodge presented our District with a 140 lb. drag dummy, 25 First Alert Co detectors, and 4 clip-on Co detectors they purchased with an Impact Grant.
- AT&T has been in contact with Chief Large about the cell tower. Our current tower needed extensive modifications for their equipment to be added but they want to construct a new tower and form a 23x33 easement lease on the grounds. The contract will be set for the first 5 years and then would have a % increase after that. More information will follow as it becomes available. Director, Patty VanScoy made a motion for AT&T to move forward and continue with their Tower plans onsite and Chairman, Mike Boinski seconded the motion.

All Directors in Favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- District Projects: There was nothing new to report on any unfinished District business.

Chief's Report:

- Data collection continues for addresses within our district to verify tax distribution errors to see the full impact on the district and will continue to work with the attorney for steps moving forward.
- Chief Large has the "Safe Baby Box" project on hold at this point because there is currently legislation moving forward in Jefferson City that will help fund the installation of these boxes if passed. He should know more in June and will move forward at that time.
- Chief Large has been speaking with our former Lobbyist as things in Jefferson City are moving very quickly this year. A hearing on an annexation bill was moved and the lobbyist agreed to testify on behalf of the district since it was physically impossible for the Chief to make the meeting on time. The Board discussed hiring David Jackson from the firm for the next few months as there are several bills coming up in legislation that could affect Fire Districts. Chairman, Mike Boinski made a motion to sign a contract with a 30-day termination agreement and Vice-Chair, Carl Allison seconded the motion.

All Directors in Favor. Motion carried. Contract will be drafted.

- The District is still working on a list of surplus property assets to be sold on Purple Wave.
- We are still waiting on the bumper to arrive for Medic-3. Chief Large is attempting to get a replacement bumper from Osage Industries to speed up the process. Engine-1 is still at MHC shop after running off the roadway, but we are hopeful that it will return this week. Thank you, KC Fire, for the continued use of your ambulance.
- Chief Large will be attending a strategic planning meeting with the City of Blue Springs Chamber to discuss our sales tax ballot issue and it will be video recorded so we can place it on our website and Facebook page.
- The First Responder Recognition luncheon will be April 10th starting at 11:00 a.m. at Adams Point Conference Center. Please let the Chief know who is attending by April 4th we have 5 groups of employees being recognized this year.
- We conducted a promotional process for the Battalion Chief rank on March 18th.
- **Deputy Chief Price:** Our annual wellness physicals have been completed, and all our personnel have been cleared "Fit for Duty".
- **Fire Marshal Josh Sidebottom:** Construction has started on the new QT. Development in Blue Springs is slow. The Sewer development plan has been put into place, but it is limited.
- **Battalion Chief Weber:** Our ambulance from the accident is still in the shop waiting for the bumper. Thankfully, we still have the borrowed ambulance from KC fire. Engine-3 is in service but still waiting for the gear box.
- **Assistant Chief Rennolds:** The District had 90 alarms for the month of February. Mutual aid was given 4 times and was received 1 time this month. The average turnout was 1.47 seconds for the month.

Training consisted of EMS CEUs, SCBA drills and consumption drills, Extrication and Stabilization, Apparatus Placement, and Field Ops. Field Ops training provided was limited so we are continuing to learn and work out issues within the application. Dispatch has hired more dispatchers, and they stopped by for a meet and greet.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments this month

Executive Session:

An Executive session was called by Chairman Mike Boinski and seconded by Director Margaret Smith at 3:15 for personnel matters pursuant to RSMo 610.621.3. Chairman, Mike Boinski made a motion to move back into open session **with action taken** and seconded by Director Margaret Smith was made at 3:35.

Chairman, Mike Boinski made a motion to accept the Retirement Resignation of Battalion Chief John Weber as of June 1st. Director, Patty VanScoy seconded the motion. We thank you for your many years of service and wish you well in your retirement.

Chairman Mike Boinski made a motion to accept the promotional recommendation of Captain Doug Wheeldon by the current 5 chiefs. Director, Patty VanScoy seconded the motion.

All Directors in Favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Chairman, Mike Boinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 PM and Director, Margaret Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Accepted and approved this _____ day of _____ 2025.

_____, Chairman of the Board

Southern Jackson County Fire Protection District.