

SOUTHERN JACKSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 20th, 2025

Open Session:

Called to order on Wednesday, August 20th 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, Ann Doughty; Chief Bill Large; Deputy Chief Scott Price; Fire Marshal Josh Sidebottom; Battalion Chief Doug Wheeldon; Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Mahaffey and Attorney Carl Scarborough were present for the meeting. Director, Patty VanScoy, was excused from the meeting.

Consent Agenda Minutes:

- The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 16th Board meeting. Vice-Chairman, Carl Allison made a motion to approve the minutes of July 16th and Director, Margaret Smith, seconded the motion.

All Directors in Favor. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report

- The Board reviewed the financial reports for the month of July 2025. Director, Margaret Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurers report pending audit, Chairman, Mike Boinski seconded the motion.

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

New Business:

- Chief Large is working on the upcoming 2026 Budget. The District has not received any sales tax yet, so he will give an estimate and adjust it if necessary once it starts coming in. Our tax collection calculation remains the same as our current rate, however it is subject to change once Jackson County has set their current assessment.
- We will move their next board meeting to September 24th at 2:00 to allow time for our tax levy rate to be set.

Unfinished Business:

- Martin Mechanical has been retained to inspect the HVAC system at station 3 to see what was causing our humidity issue.
- Construction continues on Wyatt Rd. Kat Excavating will be doing the sidewalks and drive for station 3 and has been working closely with us to ensure the District can maneuver fleet to remain in operation throughout the completion of their construction.
- Chief Large has answered several emails regarding the RFQ for station 4. We should have at least 5 proposals. The next step of the plan is to review RFQ submissions that are due September 1st and interview top candidates the week of October 1st.
- Attorney, Carl Scarborough will send the official termination letter to Cullen Murski about the farm lease. He can continue to farm his clover with the understanding that construction will start soon.

Chief's Report:

- Tax collection is slow right now due to Jackson County switching over to a new assessment system. The new system is supposed to help with accuracy on who is the taxing authority and collection/assessment amounts.

- They have switched our healthcare insurance over to the IAFF Trust program which has brought significant cost savings to the district. This is a high-deductible plan, but the change had to be made due to 138% usage this past year and renewal rates coming in \$100,000 over last year's rates.
- The District is still working on a list of surplus properties to be sold on purple wave.
- Chief Large has gotten approval to order the Safe Heaven Baby Box to be installed during construction of station 4 .
- Negotiations for the renewal of our MOU with local 3133 have begun and should be ready for review soon after the Levy Rates are finalized.
- Chief is meeting with Sentinel and our truck committee on August 25th to review the final specification for the fire truck and then we will be RFP'ing the truck build to all interested vendors.
- **Deputy Chief Price:** Chief attended the monthly MARCER meeting and said 30 agencies and 10 hospitals in the area are on board with the PULSERA EMS Tracker. He is looking into an electric Narc box vs. our current paper tracking. We will have hose testing on October 30th.
- **Assistant Chief Rennolds:** There were 128 alarms in the district for the month. We gave automatic/mutual aid 12 times and received mutual aid 3 times. Average turnout time was 1.35.
 - ATT is installing WIFI extenders to help rectify cell connection issues. The Chiefs will be working with the city mayor, city administrator and some of the council to discuss dispatch matters.
- **Fire Marshal Josh Sidebottom:** Public Relations: The District had trucks in 2 parades in district neighborhoods, one station tour and a spray down at the Rotary Youth Camp this month.
- **Battalion Chief Wheeldon:** This past month, members of the district participated in 89 hours of training.
 - Driver Operator Core and Pumper is currently ongoing and will conclude at the end of the month. State Certification skills testing is on Friday (5 are participating).
 - CEUs have been on neonatal care, obstetrics and started Incident Command for Medical calls.
 - Spire has conducted a natural gas safety class.

Public Comments:

Our Legal council briefed the District regarding a hearing held at Union Station with the Mo Tax Commission. He will continue to research and keep the district up to date on the latest assessments for our district.

Executive Session:

There was not an Executive session this month.

Adjournment:

Director, Margaret Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 PM and Chairman., Mike Boinski seconded the motion. All in favor. Chairman, Mike Boinski adjourned the meeting.

Accepted and approved this _____ day of _____ 2025.

_____, Chairman of the Board

Southern Jackson County Fire Protection District.