

**Falcon Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting
November 20, 2024, Approved Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER

President Reid called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1600 hours on Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

ATTENDANCE

James Reid, President
Dan Kupferer, Vice President
Ray Hawkins, Treasurer - via conference call
Edward (Steve) Podoll, Secretary
Thomas Kerby, Assistant Secretary

ALSO PRESENT

Joan Fritsche, Legal Counsel
Trent Harwig, Fire Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District
Jeff Petersma, Deputy Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District
Joe Cosgrove, Battalion Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District
Corey Kirt, Battalion Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District – via conference call
David Smith, Battalion Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District – arrived at 1632
Curtis Kauffman, Lt./Fire Inspector, Falcon Fire Protection District
Rob Wilkerson, Fleet Mechanic, Falcon Fire Protection District
Gretchen Tetzlaff, Office Manager, Falcon Fire Protection District
Twyla Kuemmerle, Administrative Assistant, Falcon Fire Protection District
Mike Collins, District Chaplain
Other members of the Falcon Fire Protection District
Jonathan Huang, New Falcon Herald

ABSENT

Jon Webb, EMS Division Chief, Falcon Fire Protection District

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Podell moved to approve the agenda. Director Kerby seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Twyla Kuemmerle advised the Board that the District's Christmas Party will be held on December 7, 2024, at UHealth Park from 1600-2200 (approximate times) and asked if the Directors would be interested in attending.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Director Podoll moved to approve the October 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written. Director Kupferer seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

RECESS TO PENSION BOARD MEETING

Trustee Kerby moved to convene the Pension Board Meeting at 1505 hours. Director Kupferer seconded the Motion, which passed unanimously. The Regular Meeting proceeded concurrently. The Pension Board Meeting adjourned at 1523 hours and the business of the District Board continued.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Chief Harwig reviewed November's Treasurer's Report with the Board. The Chief noted 83.3% of the 2024 fiscal year is complete in this Report.

Total General Fund Budget revenues received were at 102%. Total General Fund expenditures across all categories were 73% of the budget.

The Ambulance Fund Budget transport fee collections were at 82%. Total expenditure was 64%. An additional \$62,500.00 will be transferred into the Capital Project Fund prior to the year's end.

The Capital Improvement Fund revenues received were at 77%. Total Capital Improvement Fund expenditures were at 33%.

The Rural Water Fund Revenues had no activity or expenditure for the month of September. Total Rural Water Fund expenditures were at 0% of budget.

Director Podoll moved to accept the October 2024 Treasurer's Report. Director Kerby seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Report

Deputy Chief Petersma apologized to the Board as he printed out the wrong year for the September Transport Reports. Deputy Chief Petersma asked the Board to table the non-ambulance aid reports.

Deputy Chief Petersma reviewed the October Transport Reports with the Board and advised that the crews transported 139 patients in the Month of October. Average collections per transport including the Medicaid supplemental reimbursement is currently at \$625.89. The District is seeing an upward trend in its collections. The District's billing services were transitioned to a new company and the numbers are beginning to look more accurate. Director Hawkins asked if the new billing company was being more transparent in its reporting to the District. Deputy Chief Petersma stated he will begin tracking.

Fire Prevention Lieutenant Kauffman provided a written Plan and Building Inspection Report for the Board's review.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Fritsche provided a written Attorney's Report to the Board. Attorney Fritsche brought to the Board's attention an update on the litigation case. After rejection to be heard by the Supreme Court, the case has gone back to the District Court and is proceeding on a litigation schedule. Attorney Fritsche may have an update prior to the next Board Meeting. Attorney Fritsche stated that there is a little to report on the Station 1 Sub Station Parcel. Attorney Fritsche will make one last attempt, along with Director Kerby, to request the County finalize the Detention Pond Maintenance Agreement and to provide legal descriptions for the necessary easements. Attorney Fritsche will advise the County that it

cannot begin any work on Tract A, the District's property, until the easements are in place. Director Kerby stated that the County was asked to provide an accurate legal description to attach to the Detention Pond Maintenance Agreement and the County included the legal description for the District's entire parcel. This is not accurate, nor acceptable, so Director Kerby drew up a legal description of the detention pond and presented it to the County. The County has not responded. President Reid stated that he will call the Sheriff directly and will advise him of the easement, legal descriptions, and accurate Detention Pond Maintenance Agreement necessary if the County plans to begin construction on the substation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Maintenance Building Project

Chief Harwig addressed Hammer's Construction Pay Application #7 in the amount of \$293,166.89.

Director Kerby moved to approve Hammers Construction Pay Application #7 in the amount of \$293,166.89. Director Hawkins seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Station 1 Parcel – Tract B El Paso County Sheriff's Office Substation

Update addressed under Attorney's Report.

Discuss Falcon Fire Department 50th Anniversary.

The Board will follow up at the December meeting. Director Kupferer advised the Board that a meeting will be held sometime this week to narrow down the date for the celebration and other ideas that have been suggested.

NEW BUSINESS

FPPA Resolution to Adopt DROP 11-20-2024-1

Chief Harwig stated that he sent an e-mail to the Directors explaining the FPPA Resolution for their review. Chief Harwig gave an overview of the DROP program and a change in FPPA by-laws that allows the District to continue the employer portion of the FPPA contribution to firefighters who have entered the retirement Drop in FPPA' defined benefit plan. A discussion was held regarding the DROP benefit. The effective date of the benefit would be December 22, 2024.

Director Kerby moved to approve Resolution 11-20-24-1. Director Podell seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Podoll moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Director Kupferer seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1656 hours.

I hereby attest to the accuracy of the meeting Minutes:

Edward Podoll, Secretary