



**FIRE DISTRICT #1 JOHNSON COUNTY**  
**33364 W. 191st St.**  
**Edgerton, KS 66021**

**MINUTES -- Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**  
**33364 W. 191st St - Edgerton, KS**  
**August 13, 2024, at 4:00**

A regular monthly meeting of the Fire District #1 Board of Directors was held in person and was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Dave Drovetta.

**The following staff members were present and signed in:**

Fire Chief Trig Morley	Deputy Chief Aaron Winkler
Division Chief Brad Ralston	Division Chief Chris Russell
Battalion Chief Jerame Frank	Battalion Chief Rob Hudspeth
Captain Inspector Pete Graham	Ashley Smith, Administrative Services

**The following guests were present:**

Jim Francis, Johnson County Fire Services Administrator

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and CALL TO ORDER**

The roll being called, it was found to be a quorum of the following members present and participating; to-wit:

David Drovetta, Chairman	Present
Mark Burdolski, Vice Chair	Absent
Mike Casey	Present
Brian Walker	Present
Tamela Stockton	Absent

**II. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Board Member Mike Casey moved to approve the agenda as presented. Board Secretary/Treasurer Brian Walker seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor; the motion carried 3-0.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Members of the public are welcome to make comments about matters or items on the agenda that are not part of a public meeting. Public members are asked to keep their comments to three minutes. No action will be taken.

No public comments.

#### **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. July 9, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Secretary/Treasurer Brian Walker moved to approve the July 2024 Board Meeting minutes as presented. Board Member Mike Casey seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor; the motion carried 3-0.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Consider approving the 2024-2027 Fire Service Agreement between Fire District #1 and Fire District #2, beginning October 1, 2024, and terminating December 31, 2027, or upon subsequent merger, consolidation, or reorganization of the Parties, whichever occurs first.

Fire Chief Trig Morley presented the Fire Service Agreement between Fire District #1 and Fire District #2. The new agreement will replace the existing agreement from 2021. The new agreement does not change territory. This agreement involves significant revenues and expenses within the operating budget of Fire District #1. These revenues and expenses have been accounted for in the 2025 proposed budget.

Fire Services Administrator Jim Francis presented the First Amendment to the 2021 Fire Service Agreement between Fire District #1 Johnson County and Fire District #2 Johnson County. The amendment was made and entered into during the August 13, 2024 Board meeting. The Parties entered into an Agreement with a Term commencing on November 28, 2021, for the provision of fire and rescue services within District #2 territory to be performed by District #1. The amendment term states, "This Agreement shall commence on November 28, 2021 at 8:00 am (hereinafter "November 28, 2021") and terminate on September 30, 2024, which shall be the last day of performance under this agreement." Board Chairman Dave Drovetta and Board Secretary/Treasurer Brian Walker signed the agreement.

Board Member Mike Casey motioned to approve the 2024-2027 Fire Service Agreement between Fire District #1 and Fire District #2, beginning October 1, 2024, and terminating December 31, 2027, or upon subsequent merger, consolidation or reorganization of the Parties, whichever comes first. Board Secretary/Treasurer Brian Walker seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor; the motion carried 3-0.

#### **VII. REPORTS**

- a. July 2024 Financial Report

The Fire District budget is at 41.69%.

Board Secretary/Treasurer Brian Walker moved to approve the July 2024 Financial Report. Board Member Mike Casey, seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor; the motion carried 3-0.

- b. Fire Chief Report

Board Chairman Dave Drovetta stated that moving forward, this New Business item will be labeled as Staff Reports to appropriately note all presenters.

Division Chief of Prevention, Brad Ralston reviewed the many tasks and activities that the Prevention division engaged in during the month of July. There were 108 inspections completed, 8 Johnson County Fair food truck inspections, and 2 fire inspections in July. Captain Pete Graham completed the Y-FIT program, (Youth Fire Intervention Team) with 2 court-mandated youths. Two more adolescents will be meeting with Captain Graham.

Deputy Chief of Operations, Aaron Winkler reviewed the Operations Division. Year-To-Date there were 3,123 service calls. Throughout July, staff participated in several different PR events for the communities the District serves. Crews completed 1,239 hours of training in the month of July. Fifty-two members attended Hostile Event Training. It was a County-wide training event. Four Battalion Chiefs arrived as “first on scene” and took Incident Command.

Fire Chief Morley reported on the completion of the Johnson County Fair. July 31st, storms entered the area and put the 9-1-1 system into system overload. In addition, a fire was reported and put-out by Fire District #1 crew. The P.A. system at the Johnson County Fair Arena will have to be rebuilt. The fire cause was ruled undetermined.

The Wildland Deployment team was deployed to Wyoming to preposition the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest fire. The last work day is anticipated to be August 20th. The crew includes Captain Robinson, Captain Ballard, and Firefighter Gourley.

Lieutenant Grant Wernicke submitted his notice of resignation for August 15, 2024. He will be greatly missed. Firefighter Andrew Dilda was promoted to Lieutenant beginning August 16, 2024. A new firefighter is completing the hiring process, to fill the vacancy.

The City of Edgerton completed a community survey of safety providers in their area. Fire District #1 ranked top among EMS and Law Enforcement.

No action taken.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Next Meeting is the Public Hearing and is scheduled for August 20, 2024 at 4:00 pm.**
- b. Next monthly Board meeting will be held September 10, 2024 at 4:00 pm.**

Board Member Mike Casey moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Secretary/Treasurer Brian Walker seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor; the motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm.

**ATTEST:**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**FIRE DISTRICT #1 JOHNSON COUNTY**

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Ashley Smith, Administrative Services  
Recording Secretary

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Trig Morley, Fire Chief

**The above minutes having been read and considered by the Board of Directors of Fire District #1 Johnson County, and having been found to be correct as written, or with minor changes as shown above, was approved on the 10th day of September 2024.**

**APPROVED by BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**FIRE DISTRICT #1 JOHNSON COUNTY**