



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

**MINUTES -- Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**  
**33364 W. 191st St - Edgerton, KS**  
**September 10, 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
Captain Inspector Pete Graham	Ashley Smith, Administrative Services

**The following guests were present:**

Shirley Allenbrand, Johnson County Commissioner 6th District  
Mark Dapp, Johnson County Deputy Director of Budget and Financial Planning  
Ted Clemmons, Johnson County Senior Budget Analyst  
Jim Francis, Johnson County Fire Services Administrator  
Captain Matt Gillotti, Fire District #1 and Edgerton, KS Resident

**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	Present
Brian Walker, Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Mike Casey	Present
Tamela Stockton	Present

**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 5-0.

**III. PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Mark Dapp, Johnson County Deputy Director of Budget and Financial Planning

Mark Dapp presented updates to the Fire Board, including projections of Pilot and IRB properties to come off of programs, to add to assessed evaluations. The projections presented ranged from 2024

through 2030. The Fire Board of Directors asked Mark Dapp to return during the 2026 Budget work sessions so that this information can be considered during the planning.

b. Shirley Allenbrand, Johnson County Commissioner 6th District

Commissioner Allenbrand took a moment to thank the Fire Board of Directors for their service and dedication to the Firefighters of Fire District #1. She will be meeting with City Administrators, Managers and Mayors to go over the 2025 Budget.

**IV. 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.

Captain Matt Gillotti, an Edgerton, KS resident, within the District gave Public Comment.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

a. August 13, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Secretary/Treasurer Brian Walker moved to approve the August 2024 Board Meeting minutes as presented. Board Member Mike Casey seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor; the motion carried 5-0.

b. August 20, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes

Board Vice Chair Mark Burdolski moved to approve the August 2024 Public Hearing minutes as presented. Board Member Mike Casey seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor; the motion carried 5-0.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

No action taken.

**VII. REPORTS**

a. August 2024 Financial Report

The Fire District budget is at 37% remaining for the year.

Board Secretary/Treasurer Brian Walker moved to approve the August 2024 Financial Report. Board Member Mike Casey, seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor; the motion carried 5-0.

b. Departmental Reports

Division Chief of Prevention, Brad Ralston reviewed the 81 inspections, 15 burn permits, 1 food truck inspection, 1 blasting permit, 1 pyrotechnic permit and 1 fire investigation that the Prevention division completed in August. There are several new construction, building updates and remodels, and sub-division plots coming into the District. The Fire District is still in the running for a FEMA grant for

Fire Investigator training.

Deputy Chief of Operations Aaron Winkler discussed the 406 calls that the Firefighter staff responded to in August. Crews attended several PR events including sports standbys, CPR training for local businesses, and truck displays for area birthdays and celebrations.

JD Knauss, was hired September 4th and was sworn in as a full time Firefighter September 10th.

Training this month was focused on water training, organized by Firefighter Briggs. HazMat training was led by Firefighter Neis. In addition, daily Officer led training occurred while on shift. Total training hours for August were 1,665.

Fire Chief Morley wrapped up reports with the approval of the 2025 Fire District Budget, and the approval of the Fire Services Agreement between Fire District #1 and Fire District #2.

Two Wildland Deployments have been completed and submitted to the Kansas Forrest Service for reimbursement.

A hiring process was opened for three new firefighters. Applications will be collected until the end of September with plans to interview and offer positions in October.

The 9/11 stair climb commenced over the weekend. Captain Matt Gillotti earned his ambassador title at the event. This is the 23rd anniversary of 9/11 Terrorist Attacks. The Memorial Stair Climb remembers the 343 fallen firefighters that lost their lives in the line of duty on September 11, 2001.

The Helping Heroes blood drive will be September 29th from 1-5 pm at the Gardner Police Department.

No action taken.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

No action taken.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

### **a. Next monthly Board meeting will be held October 8, 2024 at 4:00 pm.**

Chairman Drovetta stated that he will not be able to attend the October meeting but ensured there would be a quorum.

Board Member Mike Casey moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Tamela Stockton seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor; the motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 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 8th day of October 2024.**

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