

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROBERTSON FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI ON
JANUARY TWENTY THIRD, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE**

The Board of Directors for the Robertson Fire Protection District met in a special session at the Administrative Offices at 12641 Missouri Bottom Road, Hazelwood, Missouri at 6pm on January 23, 2023. This meeting is being held in person. Individuals are asked to sign in. Individuals that plan to speak are required to sign in.

Jennifer Guyton, Chairwoman/Director
Steve Field, Treasurer/Director
Maggie Sieve, Secretary/Director
Theo Brown, Chief
Paul Martin, District Attorney

The meeting is opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Director Sieve conducted a roll call. All directors were present.

AGENDA

Director Sieve made a motion to amend and accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Director Field. A roll call vote was taken.

Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

MINUTES

Director Field made a motion to accept the open and closed minutes of January 9, 2023, seconded by Director Sieve. A roll call vote was taken.

Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

Director Sieve made a motion to accept the closed minutes of January 18, 2023, seconded by Director Field. A roll call vote was taken.

Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

Director Sieve made a motion to pay the bills and invoices, seconded by Director Field. A roll call vote was taken.

Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

PUBLIC

Director Guyton answered additional questions submitted by Alex Hoefl.

OLD BUSINESS

Director Field gave update on his audit of the cable boxes, the upgrade in services, and the savings he has achieved with the Charter Communications account.

Director Field made a motion to approve the upgrades to the Charter Communications system, seconded by Director Sieve. A roll call vote was taken.

Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

Director Guyton gave update on streaming future meetings.

Director Guyton gave update on the new Sikich CPA service. The first financial breakdown is expected at the February 27th board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Guyton announced an event at Santa Maria apartments on February 9, 2023 at 2pm.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Brown has nothing to report in open session.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Paul Martin reports that he has the litigation with Todd Philips and the Union negotiations to discuss with the Board of Directors in closed session.

Director Guyton made a public statement about our credit rating with Moody's. The Board of Directors will be scheduling a meeting with Moody's to discuss how they calculate our rating.

Director Sieve motioned the next regular meeting at February 13, 2023 at 6pm at 12641 Missouri Bottom Rd, Hazelwood, MO 63042, seconded by Director Field. A roll call vote was taken.

Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

CLOSED SESSION

Director Sieve motioned to enter into closed session at 6:18 pm for the following reasons:

1. LEGAL ACTIONS, CAUSES OF LEGAL ACTION, OR LITIGATION, ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATIONS (610.021 (1)).
2. HIRING, FIRING DISCIPLINING OR PROMOTING OF PARTICULAR EMPLOYEES WHEN INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OR MERIT OF INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES IS DISCUSSED OR RECORDED (610.021 (3), 610.021(13)).
3. SEALED PROPOSALS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS OR ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO A NEGOTIATED CONTRACT (610.021 (121)).

Seconded by Director Field. A roll call vote was taken. Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

REOPEN FROM CLOSE

A motion was made at 6:53pm by Director Field to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session, seconded by Director Sieve. A roll call vote was taken. Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Director Sieve motioned to authorize the District Attorney, Paul Martin, to seek mediation for our litigation with the City of Hazelwood, seconded by Director Field. A roll call vote was taken. Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

Director Field motioned to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2023-2 to reduce the maximum tax levy on the general fund, seconded by Director Sieve. A roll call vote was taken. Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

Director Guyton announced the Board of Director's intentions to put a \$.20 rollback of the taxes on the April 4, 2023 ballot.

Director Sieve motioned to accept Resolution 2023-2 to reduce the maximum tax levy on the general fund, seconded by Director Field.

Director Sieve read Resolution 2023-2.

A roll call vote was taken. Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

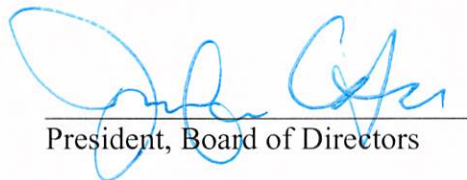
ADJOURNMENT

Director Sieve motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Field. A roll call vote was taken. Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.



Secretary, Board of Directors



President, Board of Directors

ROBERTSON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
AGENDA - REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 23rd, 2023–6:00 P.M.
ROBERTSON ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES - 12641 MISSOURI BOTTOM ROAD

This meeting is being held in person. Individuals who intended on speaking are required to sign in.

1. CALL TO ORDER:
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
2. AMENDMENT AND/OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF January 9th, 2023 MINUTES/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
4. PUBLIC **All questions must be submitted in writing, with name printed legible, signed and dated. Limit to 5 minutes.**
 - a. Response to previous questions
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Charter Communications
 - b. Streaming Meetings Update
 - c. Update on new Sikich CPA Service
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Santa Maria Event-February 9th, 2023 at 2pm
 - b. Resolution 2023-2: Election for tax rate rollback of 20¢
7. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT
8. ATTORNEY REPORT
 - a. Update on Litigation with Hazelwood
9. REGULAR MEETING: February 13th, 2023 at 6:00 pm at 12641 Missouri Bottom Road.
10. THE ROBERTSON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL HOLD A CLOSED SESSION. THE CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSMO 610.021:
 1. LEGAL ACTIONS, CAUSES OF LEGAL ACTION, OR LITIGATION (610.021 (1))
 2. PREPARATION, INCLUDING AND DISCUSSION OF WORK PRODUCT, ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES FOR DISTRICT LITIGATION AND I.A.F.F. NEGOTIATIONS (610.021 (9)).
 3. SEALED PROPOSALS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS OR ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO A NEGOTIATED CONTRACT (610.021 (12)).
 4. HIRING, FIRING DISCIPLINING OR PROMOTING OF PARTICULAR EMPLOYEES WHEN INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OR MERIT OF INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES IS DISCUSSED OR RECORDED (610.021 (3), 610.021 (13)).
11. REOPEN FROM CLOSED
12. ADJOURNMENT

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Jennifer Guyton, Chairwoman/Director
Steve Field, Treasurer/Director
Maggie Sieve, Secretary/Director
Paul Peebles, Interim Chief
Adam Long, Assistant Chief
Theo Brown, Assistant Chief

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Director Sieve conducted a roll call. All directors were present.

AGENDA

Director Sieve made a motion to amend the agenda as presented, seconded by Director Field. A roll call vote was taken.

Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

MINUTES

Director Field made a motion to accept the minutes of December 29, 2022, seconded by Director Sieve. A roll call vote was taken.

Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

Director Sieve made a motion to pay the bills and invoices, seconded by Director Field. A roll call vote was taken.

Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

PUBLIC

Battalion Chief Jason Crady welcomes the new board and introduces the crew.

Director Guyton answers questions submitted by Alex Hoeft.

OLD BUSINESS

Missouri Employer's Mutual representatives discussed the new workers' compensation policy.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Guyton discussed the live streaming of future meetings. Camera options will be shown after the closed session.

Director Sieve read Resolution 2023-1 on Retirement Vesting Schedule.

Director Field motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-1 as presented, seconded by Director Sieve. A roll call vote was taken. Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

Director Sieve motioned the next regular meeting at January 23, 2023 at 6pm at 12641 Missouri Bottom Rd, Hazelwood, MO 63042, seconded by Director Field. A roll call vote was taken. Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Paul Martin reports that Hazelwood would like to reopen talks with the Board of Directors regarding the continued litigation.

CLOSED SESSION

Director Sieve motioned to enter into closed session at 6:27 pm for the following reasons:

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Seconded by Director Field. A roll call vote was taken. Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

REOPEN FROM CLOSE

A motion was made at 6:47 p.m. by Director Sieve to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session, seconded by Director Field. A roll call vote was taken. Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Director Guyton discussed the camera options for live-streaming future meetings as well as conferences and/or classes.

Director Sieve motioned to purchase a conference camera to live stream future board meetings for \$899.00, seconded by Director Field. A roll call vote was taken. Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

Director Guyton announced a work session will be determined soon and the date will be posted.

Director Guyton reports that it was determined that if any employee leaves and would like their leather helmet, those can be purchased by the employee for \$500.

Director Guyton offers Assistant Chief Theo Brown the position of Chief of Robertson Fire District. Assistant Chief Theo Brown accepted the position.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Field motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Sieve. A roll call vote was taken. Director Sieve-aye, Director Field-aye, Director Guyton-aye.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

President, Board of Directors

Secretary, Board of Directors

Board of Directors

Steve Field
Jennifer Guyton
Maggie Sieve



Officers

Theo Brown, Fire Chief
Adam Long, Assistant Fire Chief
Paul Peebles, Fire Marshall
Darnell Wade, Medical Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-2

A RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED GENERAL REVENUE TAX LEVY AVAILABLE TO THE ROBERTSON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SHOULD BE DECREASED AS PROVIDED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, through the voters of the Robertson Fire Protection District, the maximum authorized general revenue tax levy available to the district is established at \$1.390 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of all property located within the district (residential, agricultural, commercial, and personal); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that such maximum authorized levy is significantly more than what is necessary for district operations; and

WHEREAS, to provide taxpayer relief from the current maximum authorized levy, and to demonstrate its commitment to levying a tax rate that is necessary and sufficient to fund district operations without being unduly burdensome on taxpayers, the Board of Directors believes that the district’s voters should be allowed to decide whether to reduce the maximum authorized levy from \$1.390 to \$1.190 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of all property located within the district (residential, agricultural, commercial, and personal);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROBERTSON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. The Board of Directors of the Robertson Fire Protection District hereby calls for an election to be held on April 4, 2023 to submit to the qualified voters of the Robertson Fire Protection District a proposal to decrease the district’s maximum authorized tax levy for general revenue purposes as provided herein, which proposition shall be submitted in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION

Shall the maximum authorized general revenue tax levy for all classifications of property previously established by the Robertson Fire Protection District be decreased from \$1.390 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation to \$ \$1.190 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation?

Yes No

If you are in favor of the question, place an “X” in the box opposite “Yes.”

If you are against the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "No."

Section Two. The district shall prepare and cause to be forwarded to the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County, Missouri a notice of election in compliance with this Resolution and shall take such other steps as may be required so that an election may be lawfully conducted.

Section Three. The Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County is authorized and directed to conduct such election according to the law and certify the results thereof.

Section Four. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Robertson Fire Protection District Board of Directors.

ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

Jennifer Guyton, Chair

Attest:

Maggie Sieve, Secretary