



STE. GENEVIEVE COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT

Regular Open - Board Meeting Minutes

Place: Ste. Genevieve County Ambulance District House 1
3 Basler Drive, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670

January 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Ernie Weiler called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson, Ernie Weiler, Sub-District 1
Vice Chairperson, Don Kuehn, Sub-District 6
Treasurer, Dennis Jokerst, Sub-District 2
Secretary, Nick Werner, Sub-District 3
Member, Michael "Buck" Jokerst, Sub-District 5

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Member, Bill Everett, Sub-District 4

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Kendall Shrum, EMT-P, Administrator
Mary Grieshaber, Office Manager

RECOGNIZE VISITORS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

CJ Okenfuss -- CJ introduced himself as being the candidate to replace Buck Jokerst as board member in Sub-District 5 in the April election. CJ has been working in sales and marketing and as general manager for Southern Hobby Supply. He has business knowledge that he can bring to the District.

EMPLOYEES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None

BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made and the December Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved:

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Made the motion: Buck Jokerst
Seconded the motion: Dennis Jokerst
In favor: All
Opposed: None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Missouri Department of Revenue sent a notice regarding the sales tax holidays. We had opted out of the sales tax holidays in the past. We no longer have that option.

The check to St Francois County Joint commission is for phones and WIFIs for the ambulances. We get a group rate bundled with them.

Globe Life is a supplemental insurance that the employees have deducted from their checks such as life and accident insurance policies.

A motion was made to approve the bills and checks for payment as presented:

APPROVAL OF BILL PAYMENTS AS PRESENTED:

Made the motion: Don Kuehn
Seconded the motion: Nick Werner
In favor: All
Opposed: None

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented:

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

Made the motion: Dennis Jokerst
Seconded the motion: Don Kuehn
In favor: All
Opposed: None

The collections company returned accounts that are over four years old and are beyond statute of limitations for collections.

A motion was made to approve write-offs in the amount of \$127,978.83

APPROVAL OF \$127,978.83 IN WRITE-OFFS:

Made the motion: Nick Werner
Seconded the motion: Buck Jokerst
In favor: All
Opposed: None

DIRECTOR 'S REPORT:

Total Calls	251
Emergency	187
House 1	93
House 2	56
House 3	38
Transfers	62
House 1	21
House 2	18
House 3	23
PR/Standbys	2
House 1	1
House 2	1
House 3	0
December 2021 Total Calls	248
Emergency	183
Transfers	59
PR/Standbys	6
December 2020 Total Calls	245
Emergency	175
Transfers	67
PR/Standbys	3

December 2022 YTD 2772
 December 2021 YTD 2754
 December 2020 YTD 2452

Yearly Request for Service

Year	Total	Emergency	Transfers
2011	2037	1362	675
2012	2055	1512	543
2013	1998	1417	521
2014	2332	1563	600
2015	2245	1610	556
2016	2111	1486	557
2017	2302	1682	559
2018	2317	1646	598
2019	2443	1751	617
2020	2452	1795	593
2021	2754	1977	684
2022	2772	2073	627

Run Volume

There is definitely an increase in calls. It is believed that people are sicker now than pre-covid. People are possibly waiting longer to go to doctor visits than previous.

Response Times

It was requested to incorporate response times summary per house in the report every month.

Equipment

Kendall is to take 8967 to Columbia tomorrow to fix a power supply issue to the power load system. Stryker came and narrowed it down to a short in the power coming in. There is a n inverter out on one of the Transit trucks. Kendall will attempt to get it covered under warranty.

Mutual Aid

We do mutual aid with surrounding counties. We probably get called a few times a month into St Francois County. Majority of the time, they get on the scene prior to our arrival. If we transport in their county, we bill the patient as normal. We respond from our house. We do not move up to their county unless called to a 911 call when they are out of trucks.

Staff

We are almost fully staffed full-time. We have hired 2 full-time employees, 1 EMT and 1 Paramedic. There is an offer out to another EMT who is in medic school. She is still deciding if she can make it work with her clinicals and school. The new full-timers will be scheduled in February.

We have one full-time out on maternity leave, due back in June. There is still one out on leave due to elbow surgery due back in February or March. Then another employee is due to go out on surgery about the same time.

Currently there are 18 PRN staff. We hope to hire at least 3 more to get us back up where we need to be.

Training

ACLS & PALS classes will be here in February with Air Evac. ACLS is Advanced Cardiac Life Support and PALS is Pediatric Advanced Life Support. These are classes our staff need to keep certified in to keep up with their licenses.

911

911 has started the process to go digital in the county. The possible cost to the district is believed to be \$400,000-\$500,000. The cost will be split in percentages with the police and sheriff departments as well as the ambulance district. The fire departments share is rolled in with the Sheriff's Dept. Current CD rates are 3.5 – 4%. Kendall would like to hold off on the CDs until we see what we have to payout for our portion of the radio upgrades with 911. The cell phone tax was mentioned but it would have to be filed by the County commissioners by next Tuesday. The commissioners are also looking at the possibility of adding an increased sales tax to the ballot. St Francois County has sufficient sales tax covering their cost of the upgrades

Medicare Cost Reporting

We have entered into a contract with a company to do our Medicare cost reporting. It is based on this fiscal year. It will have to all be completed in approximately 4-5 months after our fiscal year ends.

A motion was made to approve the Director's Report

APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Made the motion:	Nick Werner
Seconded the motion:	Dennis Jokerst
In favor:	All
Opposed:	None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

House 3

Kendall has contacted the USDA office here in town for information on loggers. Names were given to us but the individuals are not interested due to too small of an area. A few more names were supplied tonight that Kendall will follow-up with. One positive is the area is level and clean-up should be relatively easy. We may have to move at a slower pace for the building project due to the possibility of the 911 radio upgrade costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Meeting Dates

A motion was made to move the regular board meetings to the 3rd Monday of each month:

MOTION TO CHANGE BOARD MEETINGS TO 3RD MONDAYS:

Made the motion:	Don Kuehn
Seconded the motion:	Buck Jokerst
In favor:	All
Opposed:	None

It was requested that we email reminders on Thursdays prior as well as doing a Monday morning reminder of the meetings.

GENERAL BUSINESS: None.

The regular meeting adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting ended: 6:05
Made the motion: Don Kuehn
Seconded the motion: Buck Jokerst
In favor: All
Opposed: None

NEXT MEETING:

Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting is Monday, February 20, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. at House 1.

Minutes submitted by Mary Grieshaber January 20, 2023