



STE. GENEVIEVE COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT

Regular Open - Board Meeting Minutes

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

June 26, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

Ernie Weiler called the regular meeting to order at 5:13 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, Carl "CJ" Okenfuss, Sub-District 5

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Member, Bill Everett, Sub-District 4

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Kendall Shrum, EMT-P, Administrator
Mary Grieshaber, Office Manager
Emily Boyer, EMT-P
Madison Ikemeier, EMT-B

RECOGNIZE VISITORS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jason Schott, 911 Board – see New Business

EMPLOYEES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None

BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The two amounts paid to LAGERS are retirement payments for April & May.

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

APPROVAL OF BILL PAYMENTS AS PRESENTED:

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

Collections submitted accounts that are 4 years old and are beyond the statute of limitations.

A motion was made to write off uncollectible as \$213,177.52 as presented:

APPROVAL OF \$213,177.52 in WRITE-OFFS:

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

DIRECTOR 'S REPORT:

Total Calls	199
Emergency	163
House 1	80
House 2	56
House 3	27
Transfers	33
House 1	11
House 2	8
House 3	14
PR/Standbys	2
House 1	1
House 2	1
House 3	0
May 2022 Total Calls	200
Emergency	146
Transfers	48
PR/Standbys	6
May 2021 Total Calls	214
Emergency	156
Transfers	49
PR/Standbys	9

Response Times – May 2023 YTD

Crew	House	Number of Calls	Avg Enroute Time Dispatched To Scene	Avg Time on Scene	Avg Time to Hospital
A		421	9.55	17.81	33.26
	1	262	5.43	15.26	13.42

	2	124	10.17	18.45	22.57
	3	104	15.42	17.13	46.20
B		365	10.41	15.91	20.69
	1	239	5.50	21.38	12.41
	2	94	9.38	16.58	19.10
	3	80	14.54	13.26	26.58
C		384	10.21	18.23	22.26
	1	256	7.54	17.49	16.14
	2	88	10.23	20.54	22.46
	3	104	14.28	17.57	21.50

Equipment

Stryker performed the annual maintenance on the powerloads and stretchers.

A motion was made to approve \$22,348 annually to continue this maintenance contract.

APPROVAL OF \$22,348 FOR STRYKER ANNUAL MAINTENANCE:

Made the motion: Dennis Jokerst

Seconded the motion: CJ Okenfuss

In favor: All

Opposed: None

A motion was made to approve \$2,080 annually for the maintenance of the three generators with FABICK.

APPROVAL OF \$2,080 FOR GENERATOR MAINTENANCE WITH FABICK:

Made the motion: CJ Okenfuss

Seconded the motion: Don Kuehn

In favor: All

Opposed: None

The next truck replacement will be a remount in December of this year for an approximate cost of \$200,000. It is not recommended to remount more than once due to stress on the welds and me. It will be few years until the next ambulance purchase. There is a 2-year order time so we will discuss this fall. We will look into available options. The next truck may be a sprinter style truck. Another option would be to run the trucks 300,000 miles instead of 200,000

Staff

One of our paramedics just gave birth to a baby girl. She is expected back to work in approximately six weeks.

Medical Director Visit

Dr. Rapoff, our medical director who is a SSM ER physician made a visit to the district last week. He wants us to pilot a test program for administering antibiotics in the field for sepsis and fracture patients. The longer the wait, the more of a risk of a bad outcome for the patient. He is researching whether we will draw blood cultures prior to the administration of the antibiotics.

There will be training & protocols before we begin. We will also meet with the hospital to make sure they are on board with this practice. Another district in our region is already administering the antibiotics. Dr. Rapoff is a medical director for 28 ambulance services. We do not pay for his service.

Licensure Renewal

Our licensure is due in July. The State will come in and perform an inspection of maintenance records, staffing, ambulances and equipment. Shirley Gastler who is an assistant to Dr. Rapoff will be here for the inspection.

Rates

Currently, our mileage rate is under the Missouri Medicaid allowable.

A motion was made to increase our base rate from \$1750 to \$2000 for all ALS & BLS calls and to increase the mileage rate from \$15 per mile to \$20 per mile.

APPROVAL OF \$2000 BASE RATE AND \$20 PER MILE BILLING:

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

Honor Flight

The district has been asked to participate in the Veteran's Honor Flight for a weekend in October. A paramedic is requested to accompany a veteran to Washington DC. The veterans are taken to view the memorial wall as well as attend a memorial service. Kendall would like to participate in this honor. The cost to the district would be \$250 for the flight cost.

A motion was made to approve the \$250 cost as well as for Kendall to attend.

APPROVAL OF HONOR FLIGHT PARTICIPATION:

Made the motion:	Don Kuehn
Seconded the motion:	CJ Okenfuss
In favor:	All
Opposed:	None

A motion was made to approve the Director's Report

APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Made the motion:	Nick Werner
Seconded the motion:	CJ Okenfuss
In favor:	All
Opposed:	None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

House 3

\$8,455.00 was paid to SR Excavating in May and another check for 15,343.31 for a total of \$23,798.31 spent so far for the clearing and excavating of the lot. We received \$12,331.23 for the logs sold from the lot from Naeger Forest Products. There is a telephone pole that is in way for the proposed helipad on the property.

Don Kuehn talked about the proposed floor plan. The plan is for a 40 x 91 foot building with 4

bays and a 2 bedroom 2 ½ bath along with 12 foot garage doors. He is working with Jim Donze who will work up prospective details on both a metal building and stick frame building so we can move forward to obtain bids. The goal is to have the preliminary numbers for the next meeting. Kendall will work on researching options for a 20-year lease for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jason Schott – 911 Board of Directors

The 911 tax has passed and a board has been comprised to manage the funds and projects. Currently the District is paying 16% of the total dispatching fees charged to our county which is \$71,109 annually. Currently the 911 equipment is analog and is 30 years old. The cost to upgrade the towers, antennas, radios and equipment to digital is expected to be \$3.2 million. The tax is expected to generate \$600,000 annually. They will not start to see the money until October or November of this year and the true numbers will not be seen until 2024. The Board is requesting the entities continue to pay for the dispatching fees for approximately five years until the \$3.2 million upgrade loan can be paid in full. After the upgrade is paid for, the dispatching fees will be phased out. Jason plans to provide an annual update on the status of the upgrade and the funds. A contract will be drawn up with their attorney and we will get our attorney's approval.

A motion was made to approve the continuance of dispatching fee payments.

APPROVAL OF THE 16% ANNUAL DISPATCHING FEES:

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

None

The regular meeting adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting ended:	6:50 p.m.
Made the motion:	Nick Werner
Seconded the motion:	Don Kuehn
In favor:	All
Opposed:	None

NEXT MEETING:

Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting is Monday, July 17, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. at House 1.

Minutes submitted by Mary Grieshaber June 27, 2023