



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

November 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

Ernie Weiler called the regular meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson, Ernie Weiler, Sub-District 1

Vice Chairperson, Don Kuehn, Sub-District 6

Secretary, Nick Werner, Sub-District 3

Treasurer, Carl "CJ" Okenfuss, Sub-District 5

Member, Dennis Jokerst, Sub-District 2

Member, Bill Everett, Sub-District 4

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Kendall Shrum, EMT-P, Administrator

Beth Ryan, EMT-P, Education Supervisor

Mary Grieshaber, Office Manager

John Meinhardt, EMT-P

Kara Figge, EMT-B

RECOGNIZE VISITORS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

EMPLOYEES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None

BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made and the October 21st Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved:

APPROVAL OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Made the motion: Dennis Jokerst

Seconded the motion: CJ Okenfuss

In favor: All

Opposed: None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Butterfly Network is for ultrasounds. Jones & Bartlett are the EMT class training books. Stryker is for the maintenance agreement on the stretchers. Bound Tree is where we purchase most of our medical supplies.

A motion was made to renew the CD 3531 expiring on 11/27 for another 1-year term:

APPROVAL OF CD 3531 RENEWAL:

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

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: CJ Okenfuss
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: Bill Everett
In favor: All
Opposed: None

Write-offs were presented in the amount of \$3017.34.

APPROVAL OF \$3,017.34 IN WRITE-OFFS:

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

DIRECTOR 'S REPORT:

Total Calls	211
Emergency	153
House 1	87
House 2	41
House 3	25
Transfers	47
House 1	9
House 2	16
House 3	22
PR/Standbys	11
House 1	3
House 2	4
House 3	4
October 2023 Total Calls	221
Emergency	160
Transfers	51
PR/Standbys	10
October 2022 Total Calls	240

Emergency	177
Transfers	51
PR/Standbys	10

Equipment

New WIFI devices have been placed on the ambulances. The battery packs on the older ones were continually swelling. These are mounted into trucks and have the FirstNet AT&T network. Hopefully, this will be better more reliable service.

We just completed training on the ultrasound devices and these will be placed into service soon. We are also looking to replace our ALS bags. These are about 10 years old and showing wear.

Kendall hit a deer with the District blazer on Highway 61. It is in the shop waiting on repairs.

Staff

One paramedic is coming back to us in December. We still have one remaining full-time open position.

House 2

Some of the tiles that were glued in the spring are popping loose again. We will get bids from some flooring companies to replace the floor.

Training

We have completed ultrasound training with Dr Rapoff. Ultrasounds will allow us a fast exam of the abdominal cavity, bladder scans, obstetrics or even vascular. They could be used to help find a vein on a hard-stick patient.

ACLS & PALS classes were completed this month.

We had training on the Morgan Lens which was added to flush eyes. We have also added Sotair BVM Valve This is a one-way mechanical valve that controls the amount of air you can put in during CPR. This device keeps you from over ventilating someone or pop lungs.

Beth is being kept continually busy teaching the EMT class at the high school.

General Business

Hospital MOU & Business Agreement

We have met twice with Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital regarding the community paramedicine program. We have signed a MOU & business agreement with them.

GEMT

Next Monday we have a meeting to finish up the GEMT grant for the year ending 6/30/2024.

Feather Shark IT

We are working with Feather Shark to get IT services setup. We have been receiving some spam. One received looked like an email coming from an employee to change direct deposit. Another was a potentially fake invoice we received in the mail. Feather Shark is also researching internet and phone services to see if they can get us better pricing.

We are installing TVs at each house as a notification boards. The TVs will be mounted on the wall with the schedule and any PR and announcements. There will also be a listing of any outstanding run records needing review.

Audit

We delivered materials to the accountant today and the annual audit is underway.

Board Election

Ernie Weiler and Bill Everett are up for re-election. The deadline to file is the end of December. Borders for the sub-districts are set by voting precincts.

A motion was made to approve the Director's Report

APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Made the motion:	Bill Everett
Seconded the motion:	Don Kuehn
In favor:	All
Opposed:	None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LAGERS Retirement

Employees have requested to review options for Age 55 retirement or Rule of 80. Age 55 will cost an extra 3.8% annually. Rule of 80 will cost an extra 4.8%. The current retirement age is 60. These changes could be done at anytime with a 45-day wait period to be implemented. A history of LAGERS changes will be available at the next meeting.

A motion was made to address the retirement in six months:

MOTION TO ADDRESS RETIREMENT IN SIX MONTHS:

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

House 3

Bidders have been notified that all bids have been rejected. The project could be reworked and put out to bid early next year.

Discussion to contact the architect meeting. While the architect did offer to answer questions via a web meeting, this process was halted due to concerns that there were still too many variables that needed to be clarified.

A discussion among the board members about re-engaging Centermark Construction. No action on this item

There had been a building committee formed in the past that consisted of Kendall Shrum, Don Kuehn, Bill Everett and an employee. This committee will need to be re-engaged as part of the ongoing project work

There will be a board meeting at the House 3 building site on Monday, November 25th at 4:00 p.m. to stake out the location of the building.

The regular meeting adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting ended:	6:49 p.m.
Made the motion:	Don Kuehn
Seconded the motion:	Bill Everett
In favor:	All
Opposed:	None

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting is on Monday, December 16th at 5:15 p.m. at House 1.