



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

March 17, 2025

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

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:

Vice Chairperson, Don Kuehn, Sub-District 6

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Kendall Shrum, EMT-P, Administrator

Elizabeth Ryan, EMT-P, Education Supervisor

Mary Grieshaber, Office Manager

Mackenzie Bryant, EMT-P

Tanner Hughes, EMT-P

RECOGNIZE VISITORS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

EMPLOYEES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None

BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made and the February 17th Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved:

APPROVAL OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Made the motion: CJ Okenfuss

Seconded the motion: Dennis Jokerst

In favor: All

Opposed: None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Program fees are up due to a larger CPR class that was taught. We provide CPR classes for law enforcement and fire departments as a courtesy as they help us on calls. HSI is the company we use for CPR cards & training.

Community Asset Builders are the grant writers who have not come up with anything as of yet. Kendall will follow-up with them this week.

Feathershark is the IT company. EMS Management is the billing company. Rawlings is an insurance refund. \$1100 electric bill is for House 3. BoundTree is our medical supply company. There is a double entry AFLAC payment. We will look into correcting it.

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:	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:	Bill Everett
Seconded the motion:	Nick Werner
In favor:	All
Opposed:	None

DIRECTOR 'S REPORT:

Total Calls	196
Emergency	135
House 1	71
House 2	43
House 3	21
Transfers	56
House 1	17
House 2	17
House 3	22
PR/Standbys	5
House 1	2
House 2	2
House 3	1
February 2024 Total Calls	194
Emergency	157
Transfers	35
PR/Standbys	2
January 2023 Total Calls	212
Emergency	165
Transfers	45
PR/Standbys	2

Equipment

The 8987 transit is still having power & shifting problems after cleaning the DEF out of the system. It will have to go back to the dealership. We will see if we can get the transmission replaced under warranty.

Staff

We hired a full-time paramedic and are now fully staffed for full-time. He has good experience and we are hoping it will be a good fit for both him and the District.

Training

The EMT Class was featured in an article in the newspaper. All six students in the class will test. There are two that for sure are interested in working here. There are good responses and the class looks promising for the future. Prerequisite guidelines are being considered for upcoming classes

In house monthly CEUs and CPR training for fire departments are completed. Beth is doing a good job keeping everyone up to date on their CEUs and certifications.

911

Our County 911 Board visited 911 Dispatching and had a concern on how calls are not being dedicated to our county. A letter was drafted to 911 and it was explained that it would cost us more to have a dedicated dispatcher Towers are up and progressing forward. Digital will be by the end of the year and there will be better communications. The fire departments can still be analog. There can be communications between analog and digital systems.

General Business

Feathershark has updated the network equipment and installed a new phone system. We are eliminating Big River and going with Spectrum for all our internet services.

We will look at moving the workers compensation insurance for the cheaper rate. Rates are based on previous claim history.

A motion was made to approve the Director's Report

APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Made the motion:	CJ Okenfuss
Seconded the motion:	Bill Everett
In favor:	All
Opposed:	None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

House 3

The architect's office in Arnold was damaged in the tornado last Friday. He is out of the office this week and hopefully we will have something from him by next week. No grade estimations have been made. If we get something from him, we will schedule a work session meeting so we can shoot for doing bids in April.

NEW BUSINESS

We have a remount proposal. There are two trucks that will need to be done by 2028. The bid for remount is \$262,000 per truck. There could potentially be another \$20,000 savings per truck by cutting the HVAC system and changing the electrical system from MX to LXI. This is for

delivery of one truck in the fourth quarter of 2026 and another in the first quarter of 2027. This is locking in the pricing for the next two remounts.

\$370,000 is the cost for a new truck that is slated for delivery this December. This will put us with the fourth four-wheel drive truck. The two Fords will be able to remounted as well.

A motion was made to approve the two remounts for 2026 and 2027 with removal of HVAC and keeping the MX system.

APPROVAL OF REMOUNTS AS QUOTED:

Made the motion:	Bill Everett
Seconded the motion:	CJ Okenfuss
In favor:	All
Opposed:	None

Upcoming Meetings

The April meeting will be the election of officers and it will also be the time to review the LAGERS retirement to upgrade to the age 55 retirement plan. We will send out a refresher on the LAGERS figures. There will be meetings at the other houses this year. The May meeting will possibly be at House 3 and the August meeting possibly will be at House 2.

The regular meeting adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting ended:	6:03 p.m.
Made the motion:	CJ Okenfuss
Seconded the motion:	Nick Werner
In favor:	All
Opposed:	None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next regular meeting is on Monday, April 21st at 5:15 p.m. at House 1.