



# 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 9, 2025

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Ernie Weiler called the regular meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL:**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairperson, Ernie Weiler, Sub-District 1

Vice Chairperson, Bill Everett, Sub-District 4

Secretary, Nick Werner, Sub-District 3

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

Member, Dennis Jokerst, Sub-District 2

Member, Nathan Wolk, Sub-District 6

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None**

#### **EMPLOYEES PRESENT:**

Kendall Shrum, EMT-P, Administrator

### **RECOGNIZE VISITORS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jerry Bergtholdt, Bloomsdale Bank

### **EMPLOYEES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** None

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made and the May 19<sup>th</sup> 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

A motion was made and the May 20<sup>th</sup> Sub-Committee Meeting minutes with the Fire Departments were approved:

#### **APPROVAL OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Made the motion: CJ Okenfuss

Seconded the motion: Nick Werner

In favor: All

Opposed: None

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

CD renews at same timeframe they were initially set up as. One of the CDs was originally 15 months. It will be in August instead of May. On the next renewal, we will have to sign off to get them back to one-year terms. We are trying to get the CDs maturing every quarter.

There was a question on the \$5826 Lamont Hanley expense. This payment was to collection company recouping an incorrectly paid claim that was originally paid by Anthem.

EMS Management is our current billing company and Feathershark is the IT company. NAEMT is the expense for the EMT student national registry exams.

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

### **APPROVAL OF BILL PAYMENTS AS PRESENTED:**

Made the motion:	Nick Werner
Seconded the motion:	Bill Everett
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

A motion was made to approve write-offs in the amount of \$4,334.80 as presented:

### **APPROVAL OF WRITE-OFFS OF \$4,334.80:**

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

### **DIRECTOR 'S REPORT:**

Total Calls	215
Emergency	151
House 1	75
House 2	42
House 3	34
Transfers	59
House 1	15
House 2	20
House 3	24
PR/Standbys	5
House 1	1
House 2	2
House 3	2
May 2024 Total Calls	225
Emergency	164

Transfers	57
PR/Standbys	3
May 2023 Total Calls	227
Emergency	167
Transfers	56
PR/Standbys	4

### May 2025 - 911 Response Times

Crew	Enroute	Arrived	On scene
<b>A Crew (40)</b>			
H1 (23)	2:47	9:34	18:31
H2 (13)	2:00	12:39	14:45
H3 (4)	2:45	9:30	2:45
<b>B Crew (49)</b>			
H1 (29)	3:00	7:46	15:54
H2 (9)	1:33	10:45	12:42
H3 (11)	1:49	16:27	4:16
<b>C Crew (43)</b>			
H1 (22)	1:44	7:44	17:46
H2 (10)	2:18	10:06	13:00
H3 (11)	2:38	12:16	20:11

Data may contain transfer report times

House 1 will usually have the quickest arrival times and House 3 will have the longest due to the population area. We are working to figure out the best way to get the best averages. The overall average arrived on scene is right at 10 minutes. Under 15 minutes is good response time. The goal enroute is two minutes to respond and we would like to see the arrived average under 10 minutes. On-scene times goal is 10-20 minutes. Over 20 minutes is flagged as it is too long to be on-scene. We will continue monitoring the times.

### Equipment

Speeds found metal shavings in the housing on 8937. The rear-end on 8937 was then sent to and repaired by Custom Differentials. We have removed chains on two of the ambulances. We may not be placing the chains back in service due to having the 4-wheel drive trucks for winter. Stryker repaired one of our powerloads.

The annual maintenance was performed on the Zoll monitors & vents. The annual maintenance and check were performed on the fire extinguishers as well.

We are working on the truck order for the fall as well as working on getting the powerload & stretcher ordered for the new truck.

### **Houses**

Richardet Flooring will be contacted about the ceramic flooring problem at on House 2. There is not a good fix. We will move forward and replace it with a good vinyl floor.

### **Training**

Six students finished the high school EMT class. Three tested and all three passed the practical test. Two have the written exam scheduled in July.

Overdose and gun safety education has been completed in house. A driving class also has been completed.

PHTLS –is the prehospital life support training.

### **911**

A 911 board member has resigned and has been replaced already. Dispatch is fully staffed. The backup center is to be up and running by the end of July. The new digital equipment is ordered and is due to be up and running by January 2026.

### **Hospital Meeting**

There was a joint meeting with Kendall, Dr. Rapoff (via Zoom), Dr Reed of SGCMH Emergency Department and Hirshell Parker, SGCMH Interim CEO. Ste Genevieve Hospital would like us to bring more patients to them. Dr Rapoff stated Ste Genevieve Ambulance is triaging patients appropriately. Dr Reed agrees that we have to do what is best for the patient. We are bringing what patients we can to our local hospital. We are limited due to the limited services available at the hospital.

### **Meeting with Fire Departments**

There was a meeting between a few of our board members and staff with some of the county fire departments discussing the cement truck turnover. There are sub-committee minutes that detail the meeting with the fire departments. We understand the issues and how to move forward next time. There is no reason to do any further follow-up.

### **Certifications and Licenses**

All appropriate certifications and licenses for the District have been renewed for another year.

A motion was made to approve the Director's Report

### **APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **House 3**

Mineral Area Well services have dug the well for the new House 3 build. The well is 330 foot deep with 140-foot casing. Per the well driller, the well is pumping crystal clear water and is working well. \$8400 is the cost for the drill of the well. He will come back when all is done with construction. It will likely be a total of \$12,000 by the time all of his services are completed.

Kendall spoke with a union representative with Ironworkers twice today. The representative was insisting that we use union laborers to lay the rebar for the House 3 construction. Brad of Centermark stated the union is trying to get more work as there are a lot of union workers laid off. Brad said he would handle the issue.

Centermark will hopefully start next Tuesday with footings ready to pour for next Friday weather permitting. If they can get 8-10 weeks of good weather, they will have the building under roof.

Kendall spoke with Aaron Braun Excavation regarding the septic system. He stated he would want to go in last so heavy equipment is not running over it. Another name was also provided and we will get bids from both businesses. It was stated that there are only a few who are state certified to put in septic systems.

Freedom Security has installed a security camera setup to do timelapse pictures every hour 7-5 over the next six months so we can see the progress of the House 3 build. There is an online link to monitor it. Kendall will provide the link to the board members.

Jerry Bergtholdt with Bloomsdale Bank is present explaining how the lease purchase financing agreement will work for the House 3 build. There will be a one-year interest only payment loan extended to the District at a 4.8% expected rate with no added fees. At the completion of the construction or at the end of a year term, the bank will redo the terms of the loan. The rate at that time will likely be lower, possibly at a 2.88% financing rate. There will be no money expected down. The bank will own the building on a lease schedule for a term of 25 years or until all funds are paid. The existing house can be sold as a residential property and that amount applied to the loan. A lease purchase agreement will be drafted and signed between the bank and the District. Our insurance company will be contacted to see if we need a builder's risk policy. It is expected the build and the loan to be approximately \$800,000. The well has already been drilled and paid for as well as the security system has been paid. The fees being waived are likely thousands of dollars being saved.

A motion was made to use Bloomsdale Bank for a lease purchase loan for the building of a new House 3. The loan is expected at a 4.8% interest only loan for one year.

### **APPROVAL OF THE BLOOMSDALE BANK LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING PLAN:**

Made the motion:	Nick Werner
Seconded the motion:	Nathan Wolk
Refrained from vote:	CJ Okenfuss
In favor:	All

Opposed: None

A motion was made to allow the board officers to sign for building construction services. Signers for construction related decisions will include: Kendall Shrum, Ernie Weiler, Bill Everett, CJ Okenfuss and Nick Werner.

**MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW BOARD OFFICERS TO SIGN OFF ON CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR HOUSE 3:**

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

There is an issue of where we can run the electric across the neighboring properties for our new house. If we cannot get one neighbor to agree, we will move on to another.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

The regular meeting adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting ended: 6:46 p.m.  
Made the motion: Nick Werner  
Seconded the motion: CJ Okenfuss  
In favor: All  
Opposed: None

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

The next regular meeting is Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. at House 1.