

Valle Ambulance District

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Valle Ambulance District Board of Directors

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Chairperson Lowry duly called the regular meeting of the Valle Ambulance District Board to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members of the Board and Administration were in attendance:

Becky Lowry	Chairperson	Jesse Barton	Chief
Tammie Scullin	Vice-Chairperson	Bianca Eden	Attorney
Carey Manning	Secretary		
Larry Cain	Treasurer		

Absent: Steve Bergner, Director; Patrick Bingman, Director

Also Present: Nikki Whaley, Drew Voss, Angie Ritch, James Parmley, Cody Harrison, Dave Schumer

Approval of Agenda

Chief Barton presented the agenda for approval. Vice-Chairperson Scullin made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Secretary Manning seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all present being in favor. The motion passed with four (4) favorable votes.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 08/24/2022 Regular Meeting, 08/24/2022 Tax Rate Hearing Meeting, 09/13/2022 Special Meeting, and 09/13/2022 Work Session were presented for approval. Chairperson Lowry stated lightning was spelled incorrectly under the Chief's report and ambulance was spelled incorrectly under New Business A. Mutual Aid Agreement Rock Township Ambulance District. Vice-Chairperson Scullin made a motion to accept the 08/24/2022 Regular Meeting minutes with the presented spelling error changes. Secretary Manning seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all present being in favor. The motion passed with four (4) favorable votes. Vice-Chairperson Scullin made a motion to accept the 08/24/2022 Tax Rate Hearing, 09/13/2022 Special Meeting and 09/13/2022 Work Session minutes as presented. Secretary Manning seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all present being in favor. The motion passed with four (4) favorable votes.

Financial Report

Chief Barton presented the financial report for the month to the Board. Chief Barton stated the checking account balance is \$152,601.05 and the money market account balance is \$2,837,008.49. Chief Barton stated that the sales tax income deposit for September 2022 was \$138,651.64 and the billing income for August 2022 was \$137,097.23. Vice-Chairperson Scullin made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Secretary Manning seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all present being in favor. The motion passed with four (4) favorable votes.

Payment of the Bills- Accounts Payable

Vice-Chairperson Scullin made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Secretary Manning seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all present being in favor. The motion passed with four (4) favorable votes.

Public to Address the Board

None

Employees to Address the Board

None

Communications from Board Members

None

Chief's Report

Chief Barton presented the District Run reports to the Board.

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Chief Barton stated that the lightning strike damage total is currently around \$6,000.00 and the House One generator was fixed today. Chief Barton stated the invoice for the generator repair is still outstanding, but he expects that to be between \$4000-\$5000.

Chief Barton stated he had put together some answers from Director Bergner questions at the last board meeting. Chief Barton stated Director Bergner had asked about the District paying for health insurance for the Board of Directors. Attorney Bianca Eden stated she had researched the topic of health insurance and there were two statutes to reference. Attorney Bianca Eden stated the first is an ambulance district statute stating Districts are allowed to pay for insurance for salaried members. Attorney Bianca Eden stated that is a grey area due to the fact that Valle Ambulance Board members are paid a 'stipend' and that may not constitute a 'salaried member'. Attorney Bianca Eden then stated the other statute is a political subdivision statute that the District would fall under, it states elected officials can be provided healthcare, but that she feels that is more for purposes of political subdivisions with full time board members who are salaried. Attorney Bianca Eden stated it is unclear and very possible that insurance premiums paid by the District for board members may have to be reported as income. Chief Barton stated the second question raised by Director Bergner was how many meetings the Board of Directors could be paid for and if the stipend could be increased. Attorney Bianca Eden stated the state statute for the stipend is capped at \$100.00 per meeting and the number of meetings directors could be paid for is capped at four meetings a month. Chairperson Lowry asked Chief Barton if there was a paid meetings cap in the by-laws? Chief Barton stated the cap was taken out of the by-laws.

Old Business

Chief Barton stated the training facility containers have been delivered and is almost finished. There is some landscaping that still needs to be finished, but the facility is ready for use and there is live burn training already scheduled for later this week.

New Business

Chief Barton stated that Frank Foster who owned EMS Legal Services had passed away in August 2022. Chief Barton stated Mr. Foster has a partner, Frank Flaspohler, who has sent correspondence to ensure he will honor Frank Foster's current contracts. Chief Barton stated the District seldomly used Frank Foster's services, but that Mr. Foster did a lot of work on EMS legislation. After a brief discussion, it was decided to decline to continue with EMS Legal Services.

Chief Barton presented the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget with amendments from the changes that were discussed at the special meeting. Chief Barton stated with the discussed salary and benefit changes the new 2023 fiscal year estimated income is \$3,945,441.55 and expenses are \$3,921,240.32. Chief Barton stated the Union contract will need to be amended at next month's meeting to include the new pay scale and benefits. Vice-Chairperson Scullin made a motion to accept the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget Amendments as presented. Secretary Manning seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Lowry, Yes; Scullin, Yes; Manning, Yes; Cain, Yes. The motion passed with four (4) favorable votes.

Vice-Chairperson Scullin made a motion to accept Captain Harrison's employment contract as presented. Secretary Manning seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all present being in favor. The motion passed with four (4) favorable votes.

Secretary Manning made a motion to accept Captain Wilcox's employment contract as presented. Vice-Chairperson Scullin seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all present being in favor. The motion passed with four (4) favorable votes.

Secretary Manning made a motion to accept Captain Schumer's employment contract as presented. Vice-Chairperson Scullin seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all present being in favor. The motion passed with four (4) favorable votes.

Vice-Chairperson Scullin made a motion to accept Assistant Chief Voss' employment contract as presented. Secretary Manning seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all present being in favor. The motion passed with four (4) favorable votes.

Vice-Chairperson Scullin made a motion to accept Chief Barton's employment contract as presented. Secretary Manning seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all present being in favor. The motion passed with four (4) favorable votes.

Chief Barton stated there were no write-off or reduction requests.

Adjournment to Executive Session

Vice-Chairperson Scullin made a motion to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session for Purpose of Personnel, Contracts, Real Estate and Advice of Legal Counsel in Accordance with Missouri State Statute 610.021. Director Bingman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Lowry, Yes; Scullin, Yes; Manning, Yes; Cain, Yes. The motion passed with four (4) favorable votes.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 6:21 p.m.

Motion made by Vice-Chairperson Scullin and seconded by Treasurer Cain to approve minutes from 08/24/2022 closed session and 09/13/2022 special meeting closed session. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Lowry, Yes; Vice-Chairperson Scullin, Yes; Secretary Manning, Yes; Treasurer Cain, Yes; Director Bergner, Absent; Director Bingman, Absent.

Motion made by Secretary Manning and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Scullin to return to open session at 6:41 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Lowry, Yes; Vice-Chairperson Scullin, Yes; Secretary Manning, Yes; Treasurer Cain, Yes; Director Bergner, Absent; Director Bingman, Absent.

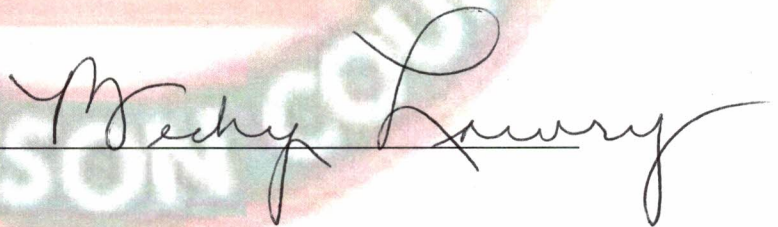
The Board returned to open session at 6:41 p.m. with nothing to report.

Adjournment

Secretary Manning made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairperson Scullin seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all present being in favor. The motion passed with four (4) favorable votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Minutes Approved:



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Becky Lowry", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is positioned to the right of the "Minutes Approved:" text.