



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LINCOLNSHIRE-RIVERWOODS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

February 21st, 2024

**HELD AT 671 WOODLAND PARKWAY, VERNON HILLS,
VERNON TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY ILLNOIS**

Trustee Chris Kennedy called the February 21st, 2024, the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District to order at 2:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance at the Station 53 (671 Woodlands Parkway) Training Room.

Roll call attendance was taken as follows: Trustee Chris Kennedy–present;
Trustee Anthony Hanes – present; Trustee Wendy Meister-present.

Also, in attendance were Chief Tom Krueger, Deputy Chief Scott Knesley, Deputy Chief Mike Brown, James Howard - Governmental Accounting; IT Coordinator/Project Manager Keith Halfman, Attorney Shawn Flaherty, LRFD members. Quorum present.

Public comment – No comments or questions.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to approve the January 17th, 2024, special meeting regular and closed meeting minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Meister. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy–yes; Trustee Hanes–yes; Trustee Meister–yes Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: James Howard-Governmental Accounting reviewed the February 2024 Treasurer’s report with the Board. A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented, seconded by Trustee Meister. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Hanes – yes; Trustee Meister–yes Motion carried.

CURRENT MONTHLY BILLS: A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to ratify paid bills for the current month per the Board List of Bills report in the amount of \$722,480.48 seconded by Trustee Meister. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Hanes – yes; Trustee Meister–yes Motion carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Flaherty advised the Board that there are approximately eighty (80) legislative bills relating to Fire Protection Districts. Attorney Flaherty discussed HB2226 (lift assist billing), SB3206 (lithium-ion batteries hazmat classification), HB3459 (employee ethics), SB3163 (funds/revenue set aside for EMS/SRT/OPEB funds), and TIER II pension reform update.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT: Chief Tom Krueger updated the Board on:

1. Chief Krueger updated the Board on the current status of firefighter injuries and effects on staffing.
2. Chief Krueger updated the Board on the current new firefighter candidate hiring process.
3. Chief Krueger advised the Board that the Foreign Fire Insurance Board purchased a utility task vehicle (UTV). Only one (1) sealed bid was submitted, said bid was accepted by the FFIB.
4. Chief Krueger advised the Board that a new pick-up vehicle was purchased (budgeted item) and is to replace the Deputy Chief vehicle that was deemed a total loss by the District’s insurance carrier.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pension Board President Steve Burnell and representative from Lauder Bach & Amen discussed with the Board pre- and post-tax deduction options for LRFD pension members. The Board advised Steve Burnell that more information will be needed to make a final decision. Steve will present to the members the options discussed and for Steve to return to the Board of Trustees at a later date.
2. Chief Krueger advised the Board that the Board of Commissioners approved the temporary Officer appointment (Lieutenant) of Firefighter Alex Nunez and Firefighter Brandon Rhoades per the rules and regulations (6.11) of the Board of Commissioners. A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to approve the Board of Commissioners temporary Officer appointment of the aforementioned names, seconded by Trustee Hanes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
Trustee Kennedy–yes; Trustee Hanes–yes: Trustee Meister–yes . Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to approve Resolution 23-24-05, seconded by Trustee Meister. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
Trustee Kennedy–yes; Trustee Hanes–yes: Trustee Meister–yes . Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to approve Resolution 2024-2025 Health/Dental/Vision renewal, seconded by Trustee Meister. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
Trustee Kennedy–yes; Trustee Hanes–yes: Trustee Meister–yes . Motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Trustee Kennedy to approve the Pierce/MacQueen Heavy Rescue Squad change order (1028) as presented seconded by Trustee Hanes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
Trustee Kennedy–yes; Trustee Hanes–yes: Trustee Meister–yes . Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made to enter into closed session at 2:38 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters concerning 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), (2), (5), and (11) by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Hanes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Hanes – yes; Trustee Meister–yes Motion carried.

Closed session was entered at 2:40 p.m.

Present at the closed session was Attorney Shawn Flaherty, Trustee Kennedy, Trustee Hanes, and Trustee Meister.

Deputy Chief Knesley entered closed session at: 3:18 p.m., exited at 3:58 p.m.

Deputy Chief Krueger entered closed session at: 4:09 p.m., exited at 4:20 p.m.

At 4:24 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Hanes to exit closed session, and enter into regular open meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy – yes; Trustee Hanes – yes; Trustee Meister–yes Motion carried.

The open meeting was opened to the public at 4:27 p.m.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION:

1. No action was taken.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Signature of District documents, as applicable

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:29 p.m. by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Hanes. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Trustee Kennedy – present; Trustee Hanes – yes; Trustee Meister-absent

Motion carried.

Secretary, Board of Trustees (LRFPD)