

**SOUTH KALAMAZOO COUNTY**  
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**FIRE AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting Held May 17, 2023**

The regular meeting of the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority Board was held at 11318 N. Boulevard, Vicksburg, Michigan on May 17, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tracy Locey at 6:00 pm.

The following members of the Authority Board were present for all or part of the meeting: Tracy Locey, Jason Gatlin, Carl Keller, Steve Fryling, and Mike Tomlinson.

Absent from the meeting: Todd Carlin

Guests in attendance for all or part of the meeting: Chief McMillan and Administrator Tania Dee.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Added under New Business was Proposed amendments of AOI.

Keller moved, seconded by Fryling to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Gatlin moved, seconded by Keller to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Roll Call 4-0.**

**Budget Report**

Gatlin moved, seconded by Keller to approve the budget report as presented. **Roll Call 4-0.**

**List of Bills**

Fryling moved, seconded by Gatlin to approve the list of bills as presented. **Roll Call 4-0.**

**Communications & Correspondence**- none.

**Citizen's Time** – none.

**Old Business**-

- a. Consider purchase of (1) Pierce Mfg. Saber custom chassis 3000-gallon tanker tabled.

**New Business**-

- a. BA-04132023 Budget Amendment. Gatlin moved, seconded by Keller to approve the budget amendments as presented. **Roll Call 4-0.**
- b. Proposed amendment of AOI- Locey stated that the only change was to add 1 alternative member and to eliminate seventh board member. Fryling moved, seconded by Keller to take proposed amendment of AOI back to entities for approval. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Regular Reports**

Chiefs Report- presented and discussion took place. Chief requesting permission to sell excess equipment, 1509 and returning 1582 to DNR. Keller moved, seconded by Fryling to allow Chief to return 1582 to DNR. **Motion carried 4-0.** Fryling moved, seconded by Keller to allow Chief

to sell 1509 following the policy. **Motion carried 4-0.** Fryling moved, seconded by Gatlin to allow Chief to sell excess extraction equipment that is not on depreciation schedule. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Tyler from Pridecare gave us an update on Pridecare and how closing the Kalamazoo location will impact South County. Tyler assured the board that Pridecare will remain serving our area with the help of Life until the transition is complete. It is unknown at this time what date that will be, but she will update us as soon as she gets that date. All services from Pridecare will be adopted by Life. Fryling inquired about how tax payers will be aware of the transition. Tyler stated that there would probably be a press release and/or mailings sent out.

### **Committee Reports**

***Apparatus Committee*** – Tomlinson gave update on repairs for 1504 and they have requested detail of inspection of the tanker to see if we can save money by just replacing the tank instead of the whole truck. 1512 also has some issues with DEF emission system that they are trying to fix. 1512 is not out of service.

***Human Resources*** – Chief would like to hire two new firefighters that are fully trained, Brad Julien and Nicholas Stratton. Gatlin moved, seconded by Fryling to hire Brad Julien and Nicholas Stratton. **Roll Call 4-0.**

***Finance/Planning Committee*** – Locey gave update on what her and administrator Dee have been working on with the fund balance and all has been turned into Siegfried and Crandall. Jeff Rood has told us that our calculations are as close as they will get due to how journal entries are at the beginning and end of FY year. We will be finishing that up and bringing amendment to get the proper number into buckets for approval next month. Finance committee needs to have a meeting with Chief and Administrator Dee on Capital Asset Plan.

***Facilities Committee***- None.

**Members Time** –None.

With there being no further business, Locey adjourned the meeting at 6:31pm.

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Todd Carlin, Secretary

Recorded and typed by Tania Dee.