

1 **RECORD OF BOARD MINUTES**

2 Boone County, Kentucky

April 13, 2016

3 The Point Pleasant Fire Protection District Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Point  
4 Pleasant Fire Station, Marshall Station, 3444 Turfway Road, Boone County, KY on the 13<sup>th</sup> day  
5 of April 2016, with a quorum present:

Chairman Ed Divine

Trustee Brian Laws

Secretary Eric Seibel

Trustee Debbie Newman

Treasurer Sandra Gallenstein

Trustee James Rice

Trustee Arthur Crowe

Chief Michael Giordano

Members absent: Counsel Bill Knoebel

6 **CALL TO ORDER**

7 The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

8 **CHANGE OF ORDER/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

9 No change of order.

10 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**

11 March 2016 Point Pleasant Fire Protection District Board Meeting

12 Due to on-going IT and e-mail issues, the Trustees did not receive the minutes of the March 2016  
13 meeting. The Chair suspended any motion to approve these minutes until all Trustees have an  
14 opportunity to review them.

15 **TREASURER’S REPORT**

16 Attention was brought to the following items:

- 17 1. The payment to Vogelpohl was so large because it was several items, including several  
18 gear purchase items.

19 The Chair entertained a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Trustee Seibel  
20 moved accept; seconded by Trustee Rice. Motion carried; all in favor.

21 **CHIEF’S REPORT**

22 Chief’s report was reviewed. Specific discussion was given on the following points:

- 23 1. The department put a bid on a Stryker Powered EMS cot that was declared surplus by  
24 Hebron Fire and was awarded bid. This is a \$10,000 power cot purchased for \$4,000 in

- 25 the hopes to prevent back injuries due to lifting. Some of this cost will be diffused  
26 through sale of old cot. Request District to declare our old Stryker Cot as surplus,  
27 estimated at \$2,500.
- 28 2. As approved and noted at last meeting, Jon Bendzlowicz assumed new shift and  
29 Lieutenant Responsibilities April 1, 2016.
- 30 3. We will begin process shortly to fill open full time FF/Medic position. Internal search  
31 completed with interest internally, but no internal candidates qualified at this time.
- 32 4. Lt. Keel's time in station will be very limited until May 13, when he completes his  
33 Paramedic class. He completes skill testing June 11, 2016.
- 34 5. Alexis Matthews has failed out of recruit class at this time. Her membership has been  
35 placed on hold until she can return to class in the fall.
- 36 6. Rob Hucker has resigned from the District. Recommend we accept his resignation in  
37 good standing.
- 38 7. Significant IT changes in progress that did incur some expense.
- 39 8. The Chief investigated new Worker's Compensation provider now available in KY. It is  
40 recommended to contract with this company for better customer service (process of  
41 claims for personnel) and cost savings.
- 42 9. Cancer presumption bill did pass this year.
- 43 10. Working almost daily with Boone County Planning Commission reference new and  
44 existing construction plan review(s) within district
- 45 11. Auditors' reports are back and distributed. There are typos in the report, including  
46 referencing another District (where the language was clearly cut and pasted from another  
47 audit report). Chief Giordano will be contacting Audit Company to address. Also, this  
48 was first year the audit was required to list pension liabilities as part of the report.
- 49 12. Budget planning will begin next month.
- 50 13. Grants
- 51 o Thermal imager on KYFC grant was purchased and installed.
- 52 o AFG
- 53 a) 2015 SAFER: Awarded for three positions for the Tuition Assistance  
54 program over the next four years (\$85,480).
- 55 b) 2015: Will re-apply for following:
- 56 o Operations: \$185,000 for SCBA
- 57 o Regional: \$172,260 for IMT Training
- 58 o KOHS
- 59 a) 2015 – Not funded.
- 60 14. Presentation given on history of Item 36 Taxable Properties: Goods in Transit. Statistical  
61 data provided for District taxing history and all line items and specific numbers provided  
62 for unique position of United Radio/BlueStar assessments. Chief Giordano reported after  
63 discussion with Counsel, it was recommended to bring in expert opinion to advise on this  
64 issue, since it is new conditions. A local firm, Strategic Advisors LLC was

65 recommended. Chief Giordano did advise the decision had to be well thought out, not  
66 only for responsibility to the Taxpayer and the District, but this decision could have  
67 broader reaching impact. Chairman Divine did advise he sent letters to Senator John  
68 Schickel and Representative St. Onge regarding this issue (*Copies of letters submitted for*  
69 *records*).

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71 The Chair entertained a motion to authorize Chief Giordano and Legal Counsel to consult with  
72 Strategic Advisors, LLC. Motion made by Trustee Newman; seconded by Trustee Crowe.  
73 Motion carried, all in favor.

74 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

75 **EMPLOYEE RELATIONS**

76 No report.

77 **BUDGETING & FORECASTING**

78 No report.

79 **RETIREMENT**

80 No report.

81 **ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

82 No Report

83 **TUITION IN EXCHANGE FOR SERVICE**

84 No additional report.

85 **WORKER'S COMPENSATION**

86 No report.

87 **HEALTH INSURANCE AND BENEFITS**

88 No report.

89 **VEHICLE STATUS**

90 Addressed in the Chief's Report

91 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

92 No updates in regards to the Molfetta litigation.

93 **PETITIONERS & COMMUNICATIONS**

94 No Report

95 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

96 No need identified to enter into Executive Session.

97 **NEW BUSINESS**

98 The Chair entertained a motion to authorize the purchase of the Stryker Powered EMS cot from  
99 the Hebron Fire Protection District at a cost of \$4,000. Motion made by Trustee Newman;  
100 seconded by Trustee Rice. Motion carried, all in favor.

101 The Chair entertained a motion to declare the current Stryker as surplus with an estimated value  
102 of \$2,500. Motion made by Trustee Newman; seconded by Trustee Crowe. Motion carried, all  
103 in favor.

104 The Chair entertained a motion to accept the resignation of Robert Hucker in good standing.  
105 Motion made by Trustee Newman; seconded by Trustee Rice. Motion carried, all in favor.

106 The Chair entertained a motion to accept to authorize the District to contract with 77-10 as a new  
107 Worker's Compensation Provider. Motion made by Trustee Rice; seconded by Trustee Crowe.  
108 Motion carried, all in favor.

109 **ADJOURNMENT**

110 The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Trustee Crowe; seconded by  
111 Trustee Newman. Motion carried, all in favor.

112 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:40 hours.

113 The next Point Pleasant Fire District Board Meeting is scheduled at the Marshall Station on May  
114 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:00 AM.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes were duly approved by the Board of Trustees of the Point Pleasant Fire Protection District at a meeting held on the date shown below:

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Eric J. Seibel  
Secretary  
Point Pleasant Fire Protection District  
Board of Trustees

Respectfully confirmed,

  
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Mr. E. Edward Divine  
Chairman  
Point Pleasant Fire Protection District  
Board of Trustees

DATE APPROVED: May 11, 2016