



South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District



Foreign Fire Insurance Meeting Minutes

February 5th, 2025

Present: Vice Chairman John Jowaski, Treasurer James Schoff (left 09:29), Trustee Anthony Rodgers, Trustee Ryan Rompel, and Chief William Luchsinger (arrived 09:25)

Absent: Absent- Chairman Eric Truax

Guest's Present: FF/PM Andrew Wright, B/C Matt Starr, Lt. Jason Peters

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 09:10 hours by Vice Chairman Jowaski. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from January 8th, 2025. **Motion was made by Vice Chairman Jowaski to approve the January 8th meeting minutes and seconded by Trustee Rompel. Motion approved (5 yay, 0 nay, 2 absent).**

Account: Treasurer Schoff provided the account update. The account currently has \$86,333.13. Treasurer Schoff informed the board that the audit paperwork had been signed and sent to the auditor. The Foreign Fire Boards annual quickens software subscription was drafted on January 31st. **A motion was made to approve the account update by Vice Chairman Jowaski and seconded by Secretary Nixon. (5 yea, 0 nay, 2 absent) Public Comment: None**

Old Business:

Tabled Items:

FF/PM Wright spoke on behalf of his submission for the stitch hooks. Lt. Jason Peters was brought into the meeting as the head of the small tools committee. A discussion was held, and Lt. Peters stated that he felt comfortable buying 1 stitch hook for trial prior to the purchase of all of the requested hooks. **A motion was made to approve the purchase of 1 stitch hook by Trustee Rompel and seconded by Secretary Nixon. A vote was held. (5 yay, 0 nay, 1 abstain, 1 absent)**

FF/PM Wright spoke on behalf of his submission for the Chicago Adz. Lt. Jason Peters was brought into the meeting as the head of the small tools committee. A discussion was held, and Lt. Peters stated that he felt comfortable buying 1 Chicago Adz for trial prior to the purchase of all of the requested tools. **A motion was made to approve the purchase of 1 Chicago Adz by Trustee Rompel and seconded by Secretary Nixon. A vote was held. (5 yay, 0 nay, 1 abstain, 1 absent)**

New Business:

A request was made by FF/PM Dan Cooper for the reimbursement of his Fire Inspector II class. A discussion was held. **A vote to approve the request was made by Treasurer Schoff and seconded by Trustee Rompel. A vote was held. (5 yea, 0 nay, 2 absent)**

A request was made by Lt. Ryan Payne for the purchase of IPPFA Retirement Booklets. A discussion was held. **A vote to approve the purchase was made by Treasurer Schoff and seconded by Trustee Rompel. A vote was held. (5 yay, 0 nay, 2 absent)**

A request was made by Secretary Nixon for the purchase of 3 riding assignment boards for each station. A discussion was held, and the board informed Secretary Nixon to make 1 alteration to the design prior to purchase. **A motion to approve the purchase with the alteration was made by Trustee Rompel and seconded by Trustee Rodgers. A vote was held. (4 yay, 1 nay, 2 absent)**

A request was made by B/C Justin Cox for the purchase of Cairns 880 Helmets. A discussion was held. **A Motion was made to deny the purchase by Treasurer Schoff and seconded by Trustee Rompel. A vote was held. (4 yay, 1 nay, 2 absent)**

A request was made by Vice Chairman Jowaski for the purchase of DirectTV streaming service. A discussion was held, and Chief Luchsinger informed the board that the district was waiting on Comcast to run the lines needed to the building for their service. Chief Luchsinger informed the board that there was no need for DirectTV, as Comcast should be installed and operational in a couple weeks. **A motion to deny the request was made by Trustee Rompel and seconded by Secretary Nixon. A vote was held. (5 yay, 0 nay, 2 absent)**

A request was made by FF/PM Wright for the purchase of Sun Now Office Chairs for the bay floors of the stations. A discussion was held, and the item was out of stock on Amazon. **A motion to deny the request was made by Secretary Nixon and seconded by Trustee Rompel. A vote was held. (5 yay, 0 nay, 2 absent)**

A request was made by FF/PM Wright for the purchase of Blue Whale Office Chair XL for the bay floors of the stations. A discussion was held, and after verifying that the prior request was out of stock on Amazon, it was decided this was the best option. The board noted that there had been a price increase, and a shipping cost added to the total amount of the purchase price. The board amended the request for up to \$2200 to accommodate this. **A motion to approve the purchase up to \$2200 was made by Trustee Rompel and seconded by Secretary Nixon. A vote was held (4 yay, 1 nay, 2 absent)**

Good of the order: None

Set next meeting date:

The next Foreign Fire meeting will be held March 5th, 2025, at 0900 hrs. at South Elgin Station 21, 1900 W. Spring St. South Elgin, Illinois 60177.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 0950 by Secretary Nixon and seconded by Trustee Rodgers. A vote was held (5 yea, 0 nay, 2 absent)