

SOUTH ELGIN AND COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OFFICIAL RECORD

DATE August 12, 2025

The regular monthly meeting for the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District was called to order on August 12, 2025 at 19:00. The meeting was conducted at Station 22, 2055 McDonald Road, South Elgin, IL, 60177.

PRESENT: President Diana Cornelissen, Secretary Rick Bohlman, Treasurer Jeffrey Speyers, Trustee Jeff Theriault, and Trustee Kathy Hazelwood

ABSENT: None

Treasurer's Report –James Howard was present via ZOOM to review the District's financial report as provided for July 2025 with the Board. James discussed the District's financial position through the end of July 31, 2025. James advised the Board that the updated CPI will most likely lead to rate cuts. The Board discussed how to proceed with our investments with the interest rates declining. James noted that ambulance billing income continues to be strong and operations look good at this time.

- I. Acceptance and Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of July 8, 2025 meeting minutes
 - b. Approval of July 25, 2025 Special Meeting minutes
 - c. Approval of Treasurer's Report for July 2025
 - d. Approval August 12, 2025 bills in the amount of \$104,053.77
Ratify July 9-August 11, 2025 bills in the amount of \$168,525.86

Treasurer Speyers made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 5-0.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT- Attorney Flaherty was not present. Chief Luchsinger informed the board that House Bill 2336 that allows Fire Districts to charge a fee for lift assists after 6 lifts (per facility) in a year has passed. Attorney Flaherty's firm is preparing a model ordinance that the District will need to pass to be able to start charging for these lifts.

CHIEF'S REPORT –

- Battalion Chief Vehicle- The new BC vehicle is still at Huntley Fire Protection District's Fleet Department, although very close to completion. We expect delivery of the vehicle in the near future.
- Part-time FF/EMT-B Patrick Roy will start his full-time position with our District on August 18, 2025. Patrick will attend boot camp his first week and then roll right into a modified shift schedule on August 25th. Patrick has been accepted into the upcoming Sherman Hospital Paramedic class starting in September.
- FF/EMT B Joseph Hansen has taken a position with the Aurora FD; his last day will be 08/14/25.
- We have exhausted our Full-time Hire List. Chief Luchsinger and the Fire Commission are doing the preliminary work to set up the full-time firefighter testing process to compile a new hiring list. Chief Luchsinger is working on the best avenues to get the word out and engage candidates to test for our District. The testing process will start in September and hopefully be completed by the end of October. Chief Luchsinger's goal is to be fully staffed going into 2026.
- Chief Luchsinger led a discussion on our current interest rates, and current and possible future investments.
- Our crews impressively responded to a few significant medical calls in the past couple weeks. Chief Luchsinger noted that once again our increased training over the past couple years has

made a positive impact on calls. Our crews also assisted the South Elgin Police in searching for a missing person near the river.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS-
Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS-
Discussion on FY 2026 Staff Car Purchase – Chief Luchsinger reported to the Board that he received notification from the District's dealer that we buy our State Bid vehicles from; they currently have a few vehicles that if purchased now may save us some money. The next scheduled vehicle purchase is chief cars in 2026. He feels that the meager savings being offered this year is not worth buying ahead of our needs, and our purchasing schedule in our Vehicle Replacement Plan.

Any other New Business- Nothing at this time.

President Cornelissen made a motion to move to Closed Session @ 19:24 for the purpose of 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body to determine its validity, and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Litigant, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed session. Secretary Bohlman seconded, and the motion passed by a voice vote of 5-0.

Trustee Hazelwood made a motion that was seconded by Secretary Bohlman to return to the regular meeting at 19:51.

Good of the District – Nothing at this time.

Public Comment- Nothing at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board on a motion duly made by President Cornelissen and seconded by Treasurer Speyers the meeting was adjourned at 19:53 hours; the motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Bohlman