**Warrenton Fire Protection District**

**Board of Directors Open Session Meeting**

**May 20, 2025**

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The Warrenton Fire Protection District’s Open Session Board of Directors Meeting was held on May 20, 2025 at Fire Station 2, 26625 S Highway 47, Warrenton.

The Open Session was called to order by Chairman Vogelgesang at 7:58 PM.

**Board Members Present**

Chairman Vogelgesang. Vice-Chairman Owenby, and Director McIntosh. A quorum was present.

**Others Present**

Office Manager Benn, Captain Dunn, Fire Marshall Determann, Chief Hayeslip, Assistant Chief Smith, Captain Zimmermann, FF King.

Members of the public present: Rod Herrmann, Gail Herrmann, Stacy Blondin, Rick Rognan.

Appointment of new Board Director to replace Stacy Blondin.

Motion by Director McIntosh to appoint Rod Herrmann to the Board of Directors for the Warrenton Fire Protection District. Chairman Vogelgesang 2nd.

Roll call vote:

Director McIntosh – Yes

Vice-Chairman Owenby – Yes

Chairman Vogelgesang - Yes

Motion carries 3-0.

**Oath of Office**

The Oath of Office of the Fire Board Directors was administered to Rod Herrmann by Office Manager Benn.

**New Business**

Bond Update: Still on track to have the bond money by the end of July. Currently going through due diligence with questions and forms to complete. Spoke to First State Community Bank where money may be held, depending on rates. The district wants to get the best bang for their buck. Working with Gilmore & Bell on outside rates. The entire bond will be issued, $10 million, since we will be spending almost half of it immediately on the purchase of new trucks and contracts for station renovations. Rick Rognan advised to be careful of arbitrage, having to pay back interest or income earned on the bonds which exceed current rates. Brief discussion on bond commitments, timelines and regulations.

**Public Comment**

None

**Committee Report- Building and Grounds**

Captain Dabbs in charge of Station 2 renovation committee. Chief has tasked him to simplify a comprehensive list so we do not have dozens of meetings. Parking lot will be one project and the interior work will be another. Once bids are together for each project, we can review at that time to determine how much money to allocate to each. Since concrete work is a time sensitive project, the board granted permission to run an RFP in the paper on June 1 to begin getting bids on the parking lot. Chief will review all information and bids gathered by the committee for a safe guard. Scope of work for parking lot bids will be broken down into sections. Vice-Chairman Owenby mentioned to be mindful of the underlayment due to previous issues.

**Committee Report- Equipment and Maintenance**

Captain Dunn presented an offer the district received for 2 trucks. (See committee report attached and HGAC bid) The HGAC bid is for 2 trucks already specked out as a general truck and will only need minor things added. This will give the district the opportunity to have 2 new trucks by the end of next year, 2026. Another new truck would take from 3-5 years to complete, and we are in dire need right now with the age and condition of our current trucks. 1424 is currently in the shop being repaired. Other discussions were about truck design and performance that are very similar to our current trucks, which the committee wanted. Committee recommends approving bid from HGAC. Rick Rognan advised not to pre-pay for the entire truck to give the builder incentive to finish the trucks and also earn interest on that money. Motion made by Vice-Chairman Owenby, subject to legal approval, the board approves bid for 2 new trucks through HGAC. Director Herrmann 2nd.

Roll call vote:

Director McIntosh – Yes

Director Herrmann - Yes

Vice-Chairman Owenby – Yes

Chairman Vogelgesang - Yes

Motion carries 4-0.

**Committee Report- Community Outreach**

Firefighter Patterson stepped down from leading this committee. We now have Firefighters Mosher and Reece heading it up with the help of Volunteer Lively who will work with getting volunteers involved. The goal is to be more present in the community and have at least 1 event per quarter if not every other month. Also, we should hold events at each of our 3 stations.

**Committee Report- Membership**

Volunteer Bret Goin is stepping down due to time constraints. No new applications in the past month. Volunteer Clay Lively will be holding monthly training sessions for all volunteers. Mark Livingston wants to volunteer at station 3.

**Committee Report – Planning**

Officers meeting on May 20 to get committees firmed up.

**IAFF 2665 Report**

None

**Fire Marshal Report:** Fire Marshall Determan presented the written report for April 2025. (Please see the attached report for details)

**Chief’s Report**

Captain Hayeslip presented the written Chiefs Report for April 2025. The system was down for a few days, and we are still trying to get caught up to ensure all calls are in. Chief thanked Stacy Blondin for her service as a Director and welcomed Director Herrmann. Chief had a meeting with Montgomery County Water in regard to the fire hydrants in the Lake View neighborhood, trying to build a good relationship with them.

There being no further business to conduct, Chairman Vogelgesang adjourned the meeting at 9:01 PM.

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 Approved, Board Director