

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sue Curths  
Tom Marks  
Mike Welter

CHIEF OF DISTRICT

Kyle McMann



FOUR CORNERS STATION  
MIDDLE GROVE STATION  
PRATUM STATION  
MACLEAY STATION  
BROOKS STATION  
CLEAR LAKE STATION  
LABISH CENTER STATION  
COLLEGE STATION

**MARION COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2020  
Meeting on ZOOM  
6:00 pm

The board meeting was done via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Director Welter. Also present was Director Marks, & Director Curths. Others present were Chief McMann, Anna Kraemer, & Anita DeVilliers.

Zoom attendance: Brian Woodley, Juan DeLeon, Brian Butler, Helen Ghoker, & Heather Gilker.

Agenda: Approved.

Proclamations, Commendations, Special Reports/Awards: None

Minutes: Board Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2020, were approved with a correction of the spelling of presenting Auditors last names.

Public Comment: None.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Director Curths was able to share her screen and review the financial report provided by Crystal Wooldridge. President Welter commented on the nice format. Director Curths stated we are exactly where we want to be at this point in the current fiscal year, noting we have not received property taxes yet.

Old Business: Local Option Levy Defeat – Service Levels. Chief McMann reported the Local Option Levy (LOL) was defeated by 668 votes. It is a loss of \$2.4 million to the District budget. 9 additional line personnel layoffs will occur at the end of the calendar year (2 SRP & 7 FF's). This is in addition to the 3 positions already lost due to the May LOL defeat. This brings staffing down from 13-10 per shift to 10-8 per shift and the Battalion Chief position will become a 12-hour shift. An agreement with the Union was reached to make Sta. 1, Sta. 2, and Sta. 6 swing companies.

Union President Juan DeLeon thanked management for working closely with the Union on these decisions. He stated that there will be some learning curves but we will work together. He also stated the Union is in support of these decisions as well.

Director Curths asked about the status of the rest of the Stations. Chief McMann stated the Stations 3 & 5 have volunteers but Stations 4 & 7 do not.

New Business:

1. Board of Directors Vacancies. Anna Kraemer sent the Board Policy to Fill Board Member Vacancy document to the Board. She stated there will be a 30-day announcement for 2 candidates. Anna proposed we post the announcement in December and appoint in January.

Chief's Report:

1. Liz Loomis. Chief McMann said we are still working with the Liz Loomis company posting publications on social media.
2. COVID Freeze. Chief stated the Governor has put the State in a "freeze" starting November 18-December 2. However, it is expected to be extended. New signage has been disseminated through the Agency. The Office will be closed. The District had 4 positive cases in the last few weeks. Everyone is doing well and back to work.
3. Grants. The AFG Grant through FEMA for breathing apparatus/SCBA and a Quint was denied. We were also denied the SAFER grant for 6 FF positions. A supplemental AFG grant was reopened and we have re submitted. Capt. Mike Berger applied for and received a Fire House Sub grant for 28 personal thermal imaging cameras. This award was 1 out of 103 awarded this grant out of 700 applicants across the nation. Good job Mike. We will continue to watch for grant opportunities.
4. Holiday Events. Due to COVID we have cancelled; however, the volunteers are trying to figure out a virtual toy drive. Chief McMann and BOD President Welter are trying to figure out a way to do food boxes. During the week of Christmas, we will do story time each night.
5. Out-of-State-Acting Fire Chief. Chief McMann has a 10-day vacation planned over the Christmas holiday. If that occurs Deputy Chief Lee will be acting Fire Chief.

Individual/Organizational Input:

**Special Presentations:** None

**VFFA:** None

**Local 2557:** President DeLeon stated due to COVID the Union is working with the IAFF State Council to figure out a way to do Virtual Fill the Boot and other holiday fund raising.

Good of the order: Board President Welter stated that the Knights of Columbus at St. Edwards to do a 'Bears and Balls' fundraiser breakfast in November each year to donate funds to MCFD1 Toy & Food drive. Because of COVID this year there was no fundraiser breakfast but the Knights voted to donate \$1,500 this year anyway.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting: Regular Board meeting December 17, 2020, 6:00 pm, via ZOOM.

Adjourned at 6:46 pm

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MCFD No.1 Board President

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MCFD No.1 Board Secretary