

**New Melle Fire Protection District**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, December 9, 2024**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance**

John Loyd, President  
Kyle Shell, Secretary  
Joe Gebhardt, Treasurer  
Daniel Casey, Fire Chief  
Joshua Ellis, Assistant Chief  
Jonah Wilson, Shop Steward  
Michelle Depew, Financial Consultant (absent)  
Donna Oney, Administrative Assistant

The monthly board meeting of the New Melle Fire Protection District was held on Monday, December 9, 2024, at Fire House #1 pursuant to call and waiver of notice of Board of Directors as evidenced by signatures affixed to these minutes.

**Call to Order**

Showing all board members present, Board President John Loyd called this meeting to order.

**Additions to Agenda**

- Add engineer promotions. Will be discussed in closed session.
- Femme Osage Farms discussion tabled until next month.

**Review of Previous Minutes**

- Board Member Kyle Shell made a motion to approve the November 12th board meeting and executive session minutes as presented.
- Joe Gebhardt seconded the motion.
- All in favor.
- November 12, 2024, meeting minutes approved.

**Chief's Report**

- No items.

**Assistant Chief's Report**

- Assistant Chief Ellis reported that we are still on track to implement narcotics tracking on January 1st.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> safe has shipped so we should receive delivery within the next few days.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Reviewed balances.
- Board Member Kyle Shell made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented.
- Joe Gebhardt seconded the motion.
- All in favor.
- Treasurer's Report accepted.

## Members of the Public

- No public speakers.

## Old Business

- Land Sale
  - Board Member Shell made a motion to accept the sale and contract for the Highway T property at \$120,000. Closing date of December 16, 2024.
  - Joe Gebhardt seconded the motion.
  - All board members are in favor of accepting.
  - Motion passes.
- Building Sale
  - There is a possibility that we won't close the contract for old station 1 until early 2025 due to rezoning request.
- St. Charles County Emergency Communications Fees
  - Chief Casey is meeting with Joe Brazil and other Chiefs to discuss.
  - Per Chief we will pay the 2024 invoice.
  - Will be reducing our radios by 3.
- 2025 Budget
  - Lawncare bids are coming in higher than expected. Budget will need some minor budget adjustments early next year.
  - Board Member Shell made a motion to accept the 2025 budget as presented.
  - Joe Gebhardt seconded the motion.
  - All board members in favor.
  - Motion passes. 2025 budget has been approved.

## New Business:

- CD Maturity
  - Our CD matures on December 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Kyle Shell suggested rolling the funds from our current CD, the proceeds from the sale of the Highway T property and the \$287,500 for the purchase of our reserve truck into a new CD beginning on December 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Brief discussion on interest rates.
  - Don Meyer will investigate the possibility of renewing earlier before the feds meet to on December 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Kyle Shell made a motion to renew our CD at 6 to 8 months whichever has the best rate.
  - Joe Gebhardt seconded the motion.
  - Vote taken.
  - All board members in favor.
  - Motion passes.
- Ordinance 24-09
  - Ordinance prohibiting paid or volunteer fire personnel from serving on the New Melle Board of Directors.
  - Kyle Shell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 24-09 as presented.
  - Joe Gebhardt seconded the motion.
  - Vote taken.
  - All board members approved.
  - Ordinance 24-09 has been adopted.

**Shop Steward**

- No items.

**Emergency Responses**

- Chief Casey advised board members that our call volume is staying status quo. He will put out final numbers for the year soon.

Board President, John Loyd entertained a motion to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Kyle Shell made the motion to go into closed session.

Joe Gebhardt seconded.

All in favor.

Moved to closed session at 2:26 pm.

Board returned to open session at 2:55 p.m.

**Engineer Promotions**

- Discussion of engineer promotions discussed in closed session.
- Kyle Shell made a motion to promote Adam Webbink, Jeff Capstick and Dennis Goins to engineer status beginning January 1, 2025.
- Joe Gebhardt seconded the motion.
- Vote taken.
- All board members in favor.
- Motion passes.

Kyle Shell made a motion to adjourn this meeting.

Joe Gebhardt seconded the motion.

All in favor.

This meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Oney

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John Loyd, President

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Kyle Shell, Secretary

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Date

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Joe Gebhardt, Treasurer

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Date