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MINUTES

Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 9, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
Station 1 – 34W500 Carl Lee Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174

1. Call to Order – President LeBlanc called the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District to order at 6:02 PM. Public access was provided by GoToMeeting Video Conferencing.
   a. Roll Call
      Present: 5 Trustees – Karr, LeBlanc, McManus, Parthun, Wegman Absent: 0
      Also Present: Fire Chief Bert Lancaster, James Howard Gov. Accounting LLC, Attorney Kenneth Shepro, Tracy Dunklau Administrative Assistant and Staff
   b. Pledge of Allegiance: President LeBlanc led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comment: None
3. Review of District Debt Restructuring and consideration of submitting a Bond Referendum question on the June 28, 2022 Election ballot
   - Chief Lancaster discussed the District's need to move to a traditional, full time staffing model to aid in staff retention. He also discussed adding a third station which further divide the District into 3rds and improve response times for all residents. He suggests applying for a Safer Grant which would provide staffing funds for a three year period. Trustee Parthun estimated the cost of a grant writer for the Safer Grant would be no more than $7000.
   - James Howard presented financials for several referendum models for the Board's consideration. The Board discussed a 6M, 9M and 11M options.
   - Attorney Shepro provided voter turnout history on elections.
   - After further discusstion, the Board instructed James Howard and Anthony Miceli (Speer Financial) to provide a 10 year/13M model. Trustee LeBlanc and Trustee McManus will relay all new information discussed at this meeting to Mueller Communications and present their new referendum marketing plan at the February 28th Board Meeting.
4. Closed Session – None
5. Adjournment: A motion was made by Trustee LeBlanc and seconded by Trustee Parthun to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:05 PM
   On voice vote: All AYES were heard
   <u>The motion passed unanimously.</u>

Respectfully submitted,

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Tracy Dunklau, Administrative Assistant

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John Karr, Secretary