



District Manager's Report

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Personnel/Privacy Officer and Public Information Officer Sourcing

Personnel/Privacy Officer and Public Information Officer Jared Smith has terminated his contract.

The Contract Sheet which provides information to the vendor that performs drug tests from candidates for employment needs to be updated with a designation of those authorized to receive testing results.

Based on the proposed standing rule for delegation of authority, until a new Privacy Officer is named, the District Manager will be designated as the person authorize to receive testing results from drug tests for candidates for employment.

Confidentiality and Privacy Policy Training and Agreements

Jared did point out that there has not been recent training on Confidentiality and Privacy Policy 730, which would include personnel and board members signing confidentiality and privacy agreements.

1% Sales and Local Use Tax Elections

As reported last month, the District currently receives approximately \$42,000 in sales tax revenue on a ½% sales tax, which allows \$21,000 less property tax collections—a 22% reduction in property taxes. A considerable portion of the District's sales taxes are paid by out of District residents traveling through the District.

A full 1% sales tax would generate approximately \$84,000 in sales tax revenue, which would allow \$42,000 less property tax collections—a 44% reduction in property taxes.

Ambulance and fire protection districts are also now allowed to ask for voter approval for local use taxes for such districts that collect sales taxes. The local use taxes are for online purchases made by district residents in which the products are going to be used in the district. Many communities look at local use taxes as a way to support local businesses by at least leveling the playing field so that a tax is paid on products no matter whether the products were bought locally or online.

The deadlines for the Districts to put such issues on a ballot are Tuesday, May 26, 2026, for the August 4, 2026, Primary Election and August 25, 2026, for the November 3, 2026, General Election.

New Water Meter

The contact at PWSD#3 has stated that the commercial water meter was installed and now it's up to the District to run a line from the new meter into the fire station and then remove the connection to the meter that will now just be for the village hall for the Village of Tightwad.

At the last meeting there was additional discussion regarding the need for a pole to be set near the new meter for a standpipe to fill apparatus; however, I do not recall if the task of arranging for the pole setting was specifically assigned to anyone.

Missouri's Rural Health Transformation Program

The Department of Health and Senior Services has announced grant applications are available for organizations that would like to be one of the 30 regional hubs as part of the \$1.2 billion, five-year Rural Health Transformation Program funded by a grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and Department of Health. The regional hubs will work with hospitals, ambulance services, and providers of emergency medical services like the District.

Missouri Special District Association

The Missouri Special District Association (MoSDA) is hosting four Education and Resources Summits this year with the closet remaining Summit will be hosted in Barry-Lawrence Counties in southwest Missouri.

MoSDA is also hosting a number of Legislative and Stakeholder Roundtables with the nearest Roundtable at Camdenton on June 2nd and Rolla on June 26th with others in Nixa and Joplin.

Missouri Association of Fire Protection Districts

The Missouri Association of Fire Protection Districts (MAFPD) Conference will be holding its conference for Board members and Chief Officers at the Lake of the Ozarks on June 26th and/or 27th.

School Cardiac Emergency Response Planning

There is no update on the Leesville School District Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) in which the Tightwad Fire Protection District could be engaged to support the School District in purchasing AEDs, training on CPR and AED use, planning and practicing drills, and ensuring the School District has a routine check and maintenance schedule for their AED equipment and supplies.

Financial Review

I do not have responses yet from the three CPA firms that were referrals from the District's accountant. I would not expect any response until May at the earliest because of the tax preparation season.

System Administration

I still do not have quotes from the local companies for the Board to consider for system administration. I have made inquiries to other companies beyond Henry County that provide the service; however, I do not yet have any quotations.

Updated Medical Protocols

I have not yet received updated medical protocols from the Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare EMS Director.

Corrections of Minutes from a Previous Meeting

From the last two month's report, but I am carrying on this topic so that the need for the correction does not fall through the cracks until the minutes of these previous meetings are retrieved.

The January 18, 2024, minutes only shows two directors present and none absent with the acceptance of the resignation of Fire Chief Chuck Willis.

The February 15, 2024, minutes show Director Chuck Willis as present with the parenthetical term of 2023-2024.

However, what is not stated in the January 18, 2024, or February 15, 2024, minutes is that Chuck Willis was appointed by the Court on January 9, 2024, as a Vacancy Director for the Director A position.

If former Director Chuck Willis did not take his oath or affirmation of office as Director until between the January 18, 2024, and February 15, 2024, Board meetings, then the minutes of the January 18, 2024, Board meeting probably should indicate the office of Director A is vacant or vacant pending the oath or affirmation of Chuck Willis and the minutes of the January 18, 2024, Board meeting should indicate the Board's receipt of the Court order appointment of Charles L. (Chuck) Director Willis.

The minutes of the February 15, 2024, Board meeting need to be corrected to parenthetically show the term for Chuck Willis to be 2024 since his Court appointment was dated January 9, 2024, which is not 2023.