

GALENA AREA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICT
Board of Directors' Meeting – Special Meeting
217 Summit Street, Galena IL 61036



November 18, 2021

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER President Ben Petitgout called to order the Special Meeting of the Galena Area Emergency Medical Service District Board of Directors at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Randy Beadle, Vice President; Claire Bersbach, Secretary; Ben Petitgout, President; Jim Rigdon, Treasurer; Susan Strand; and Linda Winter.

Absent: Jan Splinter and Pam McIntyre. A quorum was established.

EMS personnel present: William L. Bingham, EMS Coordinator; Aishah Abdul-Aziz, Administrative Assistant; and Wayne Moyer, Fleet Manager.

EMS Association representative(s) present: None.

Ambulance Replacement ad hoc Committee members present: Board of Directors' members Randy Beadle and Jim Rigdon; Fleet Manager Wayne Moyer; EMT Jeremy Werner; EMRs Chris Garza and Kevin Peebles; and Driver Dennis Harris. Advisory: EMS Coordinator William Bingham and EMT Aishah Abdul-Aziz. Ex Officio: GAEMSD Board of Directors' President, Ben Petitgout. Absent: Christian Gronewold.

Others present: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by President Petitgout.

AGENDA ITEM I. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Claire Bersbach moved to consider the purchase of a new ambulance; seconded by Linda Winter. The new ambulance would replace the one designated as 1-A18. Over the past few months, the Ambulance Replacement ad hoc Committee has met five times and met with two vendors, Lifeline (represented by Klocke's Emergency Vehicles) and Foster Coach, both of Sterling, Illinois.

Over the past few years, repairs for 1-A18 (a 2016 vehicle) have cost our organization approximately \$16,000.00. For the same time frame, repairs for 1-A20 (a 2009 non-DEF vehicle) have cost about \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00. It is a workhorse that is older yet has needed half the expense.

Committee Chair, Jeremy Werner, stated there have been a lot of problems with 1-A18 with the DEF system, the springs, rough ride, etc. Members of the Committee went to Bellevue to look at the rig used there. It is a Lifeline vehicle, a beautiful rig, the Bellevue crew love it. Our Committee members were very impressed with the vehicle, both inside and outside. Kevin (from Klocke's Emergency Vehicles, representing Lifeline) sent specs for the Bellevue vehicle which were then provided to our Committee.

President Petitgout referenced the Board of Directors' Purchasing Policy as related to Emergency Purchases. He commented the Ambulance Replacement ad hoc Committee members represented a good cross mix of people with a variety of vehicle equipment experiences.

AGENDA ITEM II. NEW BUSINESS – continued:

We removed from the specs features we did not want and made a few more adjustments to the specs. The exterior will require a custom “paint” job; will likely go through Sign Craft. The rig will have new radios.

Randy Beadle commented on the Purchasing Policy related to emergency purchase and did not believe this purchase rose to that level. Beadle asked about the dollar amount in the budget to buy a replacement ambulance. The current budgeted amount in Capital Equipment is \$200,000.00. The actual purchase will occur in the next fiscal year.

Beadle does believe that the replacement needs to be done sooner rather than later, commenting that there is a steel shortage that could affect the build.

Jim Rigdon said that the quoted cost does not include whether the current rig would be traded or sold outright. Discussion regarding sell outright or trade the current 1-A18 rig was deferred to a later date.

The original cost started at \$226,000.00. With removing certain features, the cost came down to the quoted \$217,948.00. The quote is not final. Manufacture of the selected vehicle will likely take 8 to 9 months, possibly more.

Susan Strand commented with all the things that are going on, she felt we needed to get something in motion.

The original quote was \$220,448.00 with a \$2,500.00 discount resulting in a total quote of \$217,948.00 and includes “Power load will be installed in new unit from old unit at no cost.” We paid \$36,000.00 when we bought the power load cot; current cost is \$42,000.00.

Randy Beadle moved to amend the motion to: deal with Klocke’s Emergency Vehicles for a 2022 Ford F-450 Gas 4 X 4 on a 172” Life Line as per specifications, cab and chassis with custom box, at an approximate value of \$217,948.00 without trade and not to exceed a 5% (approximately \$11,000.00) cost overrun with return to the Board of Directors to review and approve additional expense; seconded by Susan Strand.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Beadle, Bersbach, Petitgout, Rigdon, Strand, and Winter. Ayes: six (6); Nays: None (0); Abstain: None (0). Absent: Splinter and McIntyre. Absent: two (2). By roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM III. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – There were no comments.**AGENDA ITEM IV. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Claire Bersbach asked that the Board of Directors’ meeting schedule for January, February, March, and April 2022 be changed to hold the meetings on the 4th Wednesday, due to the EMT training classes scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays of those months. Approving the proposed changes will be on the November meeting agenda.

Susan Strand advised she will likely not be at the December 28 Board of Directors’ meeting.

President Petitgout thanked the members of the Ambulance Replacement Committee for the time and effort they devoted over the past months in researching various options and costs for the replacement ambulance.

AGENDA ITEM V. ADJOURNMENT

Randy Beadle moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jim Rigdon. President Petitgout adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Galena Area EMS District Board of Directors on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.