

**Marengo Rescue Squad District
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting-Minutes
120 E. Prairie Street, Marengo, IL
June 24, 2026**

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Board President, Scott Higgins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: C. Beisner, E. Weskerna, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Absent: M. Whitney

Others Present: Chief Kimmel, Asst. Chief D. Davidson, Deputy Treasurer Jodi Wightman, Attorney Joe Ponitz and Admin Assistant Cinda Proffitt

Public Participation: None

Changes to Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by E. Weskerna with a second by R. Hemmingsen to approve the Open and Closed meeting minutes from May 28th, 2026.

Ayes: C. Beisner, E. Weskerna, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Nays:

Absent: M. Whitney

Motion Carried

Old Business:

A motion was made by R. Hemmingsen and seconded by S. Higgins to approve Ordinance #2026-04: 2026-2027 IGA with Harvard Fire Protection District for Chief Services.

Ayes: C. Beisner, E. Weskerna, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Nays:

Absent: M. Whitney

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report: Jodi reported off on the following:

- The CD with Prairie Community bank was renewed for another 91 days at a rate of 3.67%.
- Jodi is meeting with FNBO to review current banking and internet security measures due to increased fraud being reported.
- A check was cut in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Marengo Resque Squad District payable to the Marengo Fire Protection District per the 2026-2027 IGA.

A motion was made by E. Weskerna with a second by R. Hemmingsen to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$544, 873.31.

Ayes: C. Beisner (noted abstaining from approval on invoice #17546), E. Weskerna, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Nays:

Absent: M. Whitney

Motion Carried

A motion was made by C. Beisner with a second by S. Higgins to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.

Ayes: C. Beisner, E. Weskerna, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Nays:

Absent: M. Whitney

Motion Carried

Attorney's Report: Attorney Ponitz presented Ordinance #2026-02: Tentative Budget for 2026-2027 and Ordinance #2026-03: 2026-2027 IGA between Marengo Fire Protection District and Marengo Rescue Squad Protection District.

A motion was made by C. Beisner and seconded by R. Hemmingsen to approve Ordinance #2026-02: Tentative Budget for 2026-2027.

Ayes: C. Beisner, E. Weskerna, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Nays:

Absent: M. Whitney

Motion Carried

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A motion was made by R. Hemmingsen and seconded by S. Higgins to approve Ordinance #2026-03: 2026-2027 IGA between Marengo Fire and Rescue Districts.

Ayes: C. Beisner, E. Weskerna, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Nays:

Absent: M. Whitney

Motion Carried

Chief's Report: Chief Kimmel discussed the items below:

- Ambulance 1154 has been designated as a BLS Ambulance for public events where a medic is not needed.
- A Disposal Ordinance will be prepared tentatively next month for the 2017 ambulance by Attorney Ponitz.
- Rescue had a bad call involving a hanging incident. Chief debriefed with staff and Chaplain Wade was on the scene and spoke with family and staff as well.
- The new Tahoe is ready, pending delivery date. Once received it will then go to Ultra Strobe for wiring and lights etc.
- MFPD and MRSD are planning on purchasing new Apple iPads to replace their outdated Microsoft Surface Pro's.
- A golf cart was donated by the Association and is fully functional for patient care. The cart is intended to be used at public events-football games, Settler's Days, Days in the Park, Thomas the Train, etc.
- MFPD is moving forward with unionization. Contract and negotiations are pending.

New Business:

A motion was made by R. Hemmingsen with a second by S. Higgins to approve the split purchase between the Fire and Rescue Districts for (8) Apple-13 iPads at \$1080.00/each totaling \$8640.00, \$4320.00 for the Marengo Rescue Squad District's share.

Ayes: C. Beisner, E. Weskerna, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Nays:

Absent: M. Whitney

Motion Carried

A motion was made by C. Beisner with a second by E. Weskerna to approve the split purchase between the Fire and Rescue Districts for (8) Havis docking stations, case, and power supplies at \$615.00/each totaling \$4920.00, \$2460.00 for the Marengo Rescue Squad District's share.

Ayes: C. Beisner, E. Weskerna, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Nays:

Absent: M. Whitney

Motion Carried

A motion was made by R. Hemmingsen with a second by E. Weskerna at 7:28pm to adjourn the Open Meeting.

Ayes: C. Beisner, E. Weskerna, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Nays:

Absent: M. Whitney

Motion Carried



R. Hemmingsen – Board of Trustees Secretary