

**Marengo Rescue Squad District
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting-Minutes
120 E. Prairie Street, Marengo, IL
July 22, 2026**

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Board President, Scott Higgins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: M. Whitney, Chief Kimmel

Others Present: 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 Beisner with a second by Weskema to approve the Open meeting minutes from June 24, 2026.

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

Nays:

Absent: M. Whitney

Motion Carried

Old Business:

A question was raised in a previous open meeting about the revenue generated from our cold storage rental units. Jodi reported that we receive approximately \$18,600 annually from our current rental units.

Treasurer's Report:

- Jodi reported that our current EMS billing company is closing its doors on July 31, 2026. We met with two local EMS billing companies and decided to pursue EMS MC. There will be a delay in receiving revenue for EMS services during this transition.

A motion was made by Hemmingsen with a second by Weskema to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$42,523.50.

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

Nays:

Absent: M. Whitney

Motion Carried

Attorney's Report: Attorney Ponitz reported the following:

- The 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance will be provided at the next monthly meeting for approval.
- He presented the new Disposal Ordinance #2026-05 for the 2017 F450 for approval discussed under new business. He reviewed the IGA Ordinance #2026-04 for joint Fire Chief management between Marengo Fire and Rescue Districts and Harvard Fire Protection District that was approved at last month's meeting.
- He is reviewing the contract presented by EMS MC for billing services.

Chief's Report: In Chief's absence, Jodi reported that the new Tahoe will be delivered this week.

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New Business:

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. Weskema, R. Hemmingsen, S. Higgins

Nays:

Absent: M. Whitney

Motion Carried

A motion was made by Hemmingsen and seconded by Weskema to approve Disposal Ordinance #2026-05 for the 2017 F450.

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

Nays:

Absent: M. Whitney

Motion Carried

A motion was made by Weskema with a second by Higgins to approve the purchase of new security cameras from Progressive Control Systems under the Chief's spending limit.

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

Nays:

Absent: M. Whitney

Motion Carried

A motion was made by Hemmingsen with a second by Beisner to approve the new EMS billing company-EMS MC contingent on contract review and signatures.

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

Nays:

Absent: M. Whitney

Motion Carried

A motion was made by Hemmingsen with a second by Weskema at 7:25pm to adjourn the Open Meeting.

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

Nays:

Absent: M. Whitney

Motion Carried



R. Hemmingsen — Board of Trustees Secretary