

Illinois State Statue mandates that the Lee County Board appoint, by way of resolution, the individuals that serve as trustees and board members for various agencies, commissions, committees, and districts. This form is intended to provide information relevant to the appointment to the Lee County Board.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AGENCY, COMMISSION, OR DISTRICT SEEKING APPOINTMENT

Agency Name Franklin Grove Fire District Phone 815-456-2350  
 Contact Name Randy Githelson Phone 815-677-3854  
 Position (seeking appointment for) Trustee  
 Beginning of Term Oct 10, 2022 Term Ending April 30, 2025 Length of term 3 yrs  
 Reason: ☒ Resignation ☐ Term ending ☐ Out of District ☐ Other (2 1/2 yrs)  
 Name of prior appointee Joe Mortimer Resolution attached No

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CANDIDATE SEEKING APPOINTMENT

Please provide the following information as a means of introducing yourself.  
 Name Joe Mortimer Phone 815-719-3672  
 Address 221 West Maple Street City/State/Zip Franklin Grove, IL  
 Email mortimerj7@gmail.com  
 What interests you about position you are seeking appointment for?  
The ability to help my community and to assist the fire department.  
 Brief description/account of your professional journey:  
I have worked in the agriculture sales world since graduating with my master's degree in plant and soil science  
 Professional specialties and/or relevant areas of expertise:  
Plants, growing cash crops, helping with fertility, conducting trials and providing sound advice to my customers.  
 Academic honors and significant accomplishments:  
Top 50 most distinguished Senior at SIUE in 2004  
Master's degree and graduating at the top of my class  
 Signature of Appointee [Signature] Date 8/29/22  
 (Email the completed form to the applicable agency, department or district.)

To the Agency, Department, or District seeking the appointment: Please forward a copy of the completed form along with a copy of the resolution or meeting minutes in which this appointment was considered and approved, to [bbrenner@countyoflee.org](mailto:bbrenner@countyoflee.org). All appointment requests must be submitted no later than the first day of the month you are seeking the appointment for. You are encouraged to confirm receipt of the request with Becky to ensure it has been scheduled on the Board's agenda.

FRANKLIN GROVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
TRUSTEE'S MEETING September 12, 2022  
BOARD ROOM FRANKLIN GROVE FIRE STATION

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the

Franklin Grove Fire Protection District, Lee and Ogle Counties, Illinois

Held at the Franklin Grove FPD Fire Station, 128 East Whitney St., Franklin Grove, IL in said District at 5:30 P. M. on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

The meeting was called to order by the Randy Gittleson and upon the roll being called. Present were Trustees. Mark Appelquist, Jeff Roop and Chief/Trustee J. Pat Hilliker as was bookkeeper Karen Didier and Joe Hilliker.

The following Trustees were allowed by a majority of the Trustees of the Board of and in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Trustees to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following Trustees were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whosoever. Scott Murphy

**Approval of the minutes.** A motion was made by Pat for the approval of the August minutes and seconded by Mark, all were in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** A motion was made by Jeff for the approval of the Treasurer's report and seconded by Mark, all were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Expenditures** A motion was made by Mark for the approval of the August expenditures and seconded by Jeff, all were in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment** – N/A

**Old Business - Foster** Coach has received our new cot. To be installed. They had two demos but are gone. Move forward

Thompson Gas signed agreement. Did contact Mendota LP (.10 per gal less) however would need to purchase a tank and at this time none are available.

Locked in for the next year with Thompson Gas

before delivery. Pat will work with Foster Coach on specs and pricing. Item tabled for next meeting.

A one-year LP gas contract was signed with Thompson Gas. Pat had contacted Mendota LP (.10 per gal less) however we would need to purchase a tank and at this time there are none available. Item closed.

### **New Business**

We need to file Annual Tax Levy prior to December 27, 2022. Scott to prepare.

Joe Mortimer made application for FGFPD Trustee. This will need to be approved by the Lee County Board. Additional application needed for the appointment. A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Jeff to recommendation Joe Mortimer as a trustee on the FGFPD board, all were in favor. Motion passed.

### **Chief's Report**

August calls - 27

We will receive \$10,000.00 from Lee County ARPA funds and need to file paperwork. MOS will complete application and W-9 for funds.

Still working on humidity in the station offices. Pat to possibly look at 2 humidifiers for office areas.

Karen requested to talk to Justin at WIPFLI about updating QuickBooks. The current version is 2016. All agreed this would be a good idea.

Discussed opening savings account for the general account. We currently have over \$500,000.00 in checking at an interest rate of .05% - savings account rate is .15%. Karen to check with Scott for his thoughts on this option.

Pat discussed issues with the decommission and disposal of the 1989 retired engine. He is still looking into other options.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Next meeting October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:30 PM

Karen Didier, Bookkeeper

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The following Trustees were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever. Jeff Roop & Randy Gittleson

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**Public Comment –** N/A

**Old Business –**

File Annual Tax Levy – prior to Dec. 27, 2022

County Board Appointment update

Motion was made by Scott and seconded by Pat for recommendation of Joe Mortimer to the board, and for Pat to withdraw as Trustee, all were in favor. Motion passed.

**Checking account investment**

Rates for CD's have increased – see list

Lee County ARPA Funds paperwork – all completed on September 24 and received confirmation from Sara Leisner.

**New Business**

**Chief's Report**

September calls - 30

Alexis will take 813 engine on trade - will scrap out

New truck – Chassis is painted.

Karen did talk to Justin at WIPFLI about a new Quick Books app. He suggested to wait until the end of the fiscal year.

A motion was made by Pat to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Scott, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:30 PM

Karen Didier, Bookkeeper