

Medora Community Fire Protection District

Macoupin County & Jersey County, Illinois

REPORT OF THE DECENNIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to 502 ILCS 70/1 et seq., the Decennial Efficiency Committee of the Medora Community Fire Protection District respectfully submits to the administration office of Macoupin and Jersey Counties its report as follows:

- A. On July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, The Medora Community Fire Protection District Board of Trustees formed the Decennial Efficiency Committee per 50 ILCS 70/10. The committee was comprised of the members of the Board of Trustees of the District, the District's Fire Chief, and 3 residents of the District.
- B. The committee met on 08/10/23, 10/12/2023, 06/13/2024, 07/11/2024, 09/12/2024, and 10/10/2024. All meetings were held pursuant to the notice requirements of 50 ILCS 70/10 and public input was solicited at each meeting. Meetings were conducted in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
- C. In connection with its work, the committee considered Medora Community Protection District's current policies and procedures.
  - 1. Fire Department Bylaws.
  - 2. District and Fire Department Policies and Ordinances currently in effect and the laws which apply to the District such as the Illinois Fire Protection District Act.
  - 3. District Compliance with IL-OSHA requirements (IDOL).
  - 4. The District's Compliance with the recommended Annual Calendar & Checklist promulgated by the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts.
  - 5. The District's Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for the current and preceding two (2) years.
  - 6. The District's real estate tax levy, tax extension, equalized assessed value (EVA), tax rate limits, and actual tax rates for the last three (3) years.
  - 7. The District's Annual Financial Report, Annual Audit Reports, District's Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the last (3) years.
  - 8. The District's Annual Fire/Rescue/EMT Assistance/ Accident Assistance/ Mutual Aid/Misc. call report.
  - 9. The District's Facilities, Apparatus, Personal Protection Gear, and Communication Equipment were all reviewed.
  - 10. Water supply sources and their sufficiency in all parts of the District.
  - 11. Dispatching services and radio communications utilized by the District for Fire Department communications and their adequacy or lack thereof.
- D. After considering each of the foregoing areas, the committee has determined that:
  - 1. With its available resources, the District and its Fire Department are providing the most adequate service it can provide at this time.
  - 2. The following are the areas of the District's greatest strength and efficiency:
    - The volunteer fire fighters and their dedication
    - The equipment we are able to provide

3. The following are the District's areas of weaknesses, need, or inefficiency which need to be addressed by the District:  
The ability to engage the public in meetings  
The designation of calendar deadlines to specific personnel
4. The District can best address its areas of weaknesses, need, or inefficiency by doing the following:  
Provide additional notice of public meetings and Fire District involvement in community events  
Approve designated personnel to adhere to deadlines for the District and Fire Department
5. The District as a provider of an essential emergency service in its jurisdictional territory is in need of additional federal, state, and county support to address its areas of weaknesses and need by providing additional direct financial support; supporting the District's efforts to increase its financial support by tax and bond issues referenda; and by working with fire service organizations in Macoupin and Jersey counties to recruit and retain volunteer and paid personnel.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Being all of the Members of the Medora Community

Fire Protection District Decennial Efficiency

Committee

Dated: February 13<sup>th</sup> 2025