

NORTHWESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

REPORT OF THE DECENNIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to 50 ILCS 70/1 et seq., the Decennial Efficiency Committee of the Northwestern Fire Protection District ("NWFPD") respectfully submits to the administrative office of Macoupin County its report as follows:

A. On June 7, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Northwestern Fire Protection District formed the committee required by 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 two members of the District.

B. The committee met on the following dates: June 7, 2023, January 3, 2024 and August 7, 2024. All meetings were held pursuant to the notice requirements of 50 ILCS 70/20 and public input was solicited at each meeting of the committee. Meetings were conducted in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

C. In connection with its work, the committee examined or considered the following:

1. The NWFPD Policies and Ordinances currently in effect.
2. The NWFPD Bylaws.
3. NWFPD current fire department rating (ISO Rating)
4. The District's Budget for the current and preceding fiscal year.
5. The District's real estate tax levy, tax extension, equalized assessed value (EAV), tax rate limits, and actual tax rates for the last two (2) years.
6. The District's Annual Financial Report (AFR) filed with the office of the Illinois Comptroller for the last two (2) fiscal years.
7. Annual fire call report information for the current and prior year.
8. The location, condition, and adequacy of the NWFPD's physical facilities.
9. The NWFPD's inventory of fire apparatus including the make, model, age, mileage, and condition of each vehicle.

10. The NWFPD's inventory of firefighting equipment, including firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE); self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA); radio and communications equipment; and extrication equipment.

11. Water supply sources and their sufficiency for fire suppression in all parts of the District.

12. Dispatching services and radio communications utilized by the District communications and their adequacy or lack of adequacy.

13. The NWFPD's current mutual aid agreements and how the agreements relate to and affect the NWFPD's performance and needed updates to any of those agreements or arrangements.

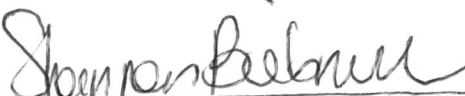
D. After examining each of the foregoing areas, the committee has determined that:

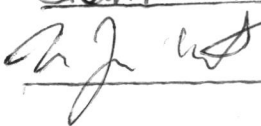
1. With its available resources, the NWFPD is providing the most adequate service it can provide at this time.

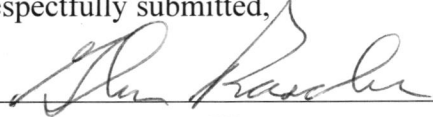
2. NWFPD recommends that the district continue to partner with the various agencies through mutual aid agreements that best serve the needs of the district's community.


3. NWFPD did not find any major issues or concerns that would warrant recommendations for improvements.

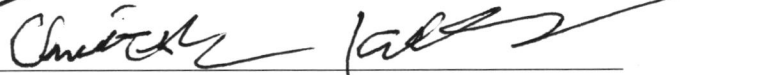
Respectfully submitted,











Being all of the Members of the Northwestern Fire Protection District Decennial Efficiency Committee

Dated: September 4, 2024

NORTHWESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF MEETING OF NORTHWESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
DECENNIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

Notice is given that a meeting of the Northwestern Fire Protection District Decennial Efficiency Committee will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northwestern Fire Protection District to be held on January 3, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Palmyra Municipal Building, Palmyra, Illinois.

The Agenda for the Committee meeting will be as follows:

- Open Meeting & Take Roll
- Approve Minutes of prior committee meeting
- Discussion/Action regarding local efficiencies of the Northwestern Fire Protection District
- Solicit comments from the public ("survey for input") regarding local efficiencies of the Northwestern Fire Protection District
- Adjourn

NORTHWESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
DECENNIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 3, 2024

Open Meeting & Take Roll

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm. Present: Glen Rascher, Shannon Bilbruck, Jason Waters, James Durbin, Brandon Hoheimer and Zac Meisenheimer.

Approve Minutes of prior committee meeting

The decennial efficiency committee meeting minutes of June 7, 2023 were read. Shannon made a motion to approve the minutes. Jason seconded. Motion Carried.

Discussion/Action regarding local efficiencies of the Northwestern Fire Protection District

The fire department is discussing the possibility of acquiring extrication tools to help better serve the community. The department also discussed the need for new and safe turnout gear. The department recently added a new brush truck to their fleet. The department decided the truck would provide assistance to the community. The department continues to routinely evaluate the maintenance needs of the fleet. Discussed the water supplies in both communities. Also discussed the use of mutual aid and the county dispatching the district. Noted there are no issues with county's dispatching for the district.

Solicit comments from the public ("survey for input") regarding local efficiencies of the Northwestern Fire Protection District

No one from the public was present.

Adjourn

Shannon made a motion to adjourn the decennial efficiency committee meeting. Glen seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

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NORTHWESTERN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
DECENNIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE MEETING
August 7, 2024

Open Meeting & Take Roll

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm. Present: Glen Rascher, Shannon Bilbruck, Jason Waters and James Durbin.

Approve Minutes of prior committee meeting

The decennial efficiency committee meeting minutes of January 3, 2024 were read. Glen made a motion to approve the minutes. Jason seconded. Motion Carried.

Discussion/Action regarding local efficiencies of the Northwestern Fire Protection District

The Committee discussed the tax levy and budget as to the adequacy of the documents. The committee discussed the ISO and what is needed to be complete to help with the rating. The committee discussed the financial report and process needed to complete the reports. The annual fire call report information for the current year. The committee discussed the need for a new fire station to help better serve the community. But noted the cost is substantial and needs to be further evaluated before making a commitment to build. Currently the fire department utilizes buildings in Palmyra and Hettick to keep their fleet and equipment. Discussed the fire protection's fleet and the routine maintenance needed to provide the best fire fleet possible (tires, mileage and condition). Evaluated the departments equipment, including the recently acquired extrication tools. Discussed whether or not there was a need for any other bylaws or ordinances. Committee decided it was not necessary at this time.

Solicit comments from the public ("survey for input") regarding local efficiencies of the Northwestern Fire Protection District

No one from the public was present.

Adjourn

Shannon made a motion to adjourn the decennial efficiency committee meeting. Jason seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.