

DECENNIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE REPORT

SCOTTVILLE-MODESTO RURAL 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 Scottville-Modesto Rural Fire Protection District respectfully submits to the administrative office of Macoupin County its report as follows:

A. On August 9, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Scottville-Modesto 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 Scott Connolly, Sarah Siemer, Sandra VanBebber; the District's Fire Chief Mike Butcher; and two residents of the District Stephanie Rich and Derek Siemer.

B. The committee met on the following dates: August 9, 2023; September 13, 2023, and October 11, 2023. 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. 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.
2. District and / or Fire Department Bylaws.
3. The District's current fire department rating (ISO Rating) by the Insurance Services Office
4. The District's compliance with IL-OSHA requirements (Illinois Department of Labor).
5. The District's compliance with the recommended Annual Calendar & Checklist promulgated by the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts.
6. The District's Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for the current and preceding two (2) fiscal years.

7. The District's real estate tax levy, tax extension, equalized assessed value (EAV), tax rate limits, and actual tax rates for the last three (3) years.
8. The District's Annual Financial Report (AFR) filed with the office of the Illinois Comptroller for the last three (3) fiscal years.
9. The District's Treasurer's Statement of Receipts & Disbursements for the last three (3) years.
10. The District's Annual Audit Reports, if an audit was performed, for the last three (3) years.
11. Annual fire / rescue / emergency medical services (EMS) call report information for the current and prior year.
12. The location, condition, and adequacy of District's physical facilities including its fire station or stations.
13. The District's inventory of fire apparatus and other emergency vehicles including the make, model, age, mileage, and condition of each vehicle.
14. The District's inventory of firefighting, rescue, and if applicable, EMS equipment, including firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE); self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and equipment; radio and communications equipment; rescue gear and equipment; and EMS equipment (if applicable).
15. Water supply sources and their sufficiency for fire suppression in all parts of the District.
16. Dispatching services and radio communications utilized by the District for Fire Department communications and their adequacy or lack of adequacy.
17. The District's current mutual aid agreements and other intergovernmental agreements and how those agreements relate to and affect the District'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 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:

When the volunteer firemen are notified of a fire or emergency requiring their services, they respond quickly which results in properties and lives being saved. They never hesitate to help neighboring fire departments if called to do so.

3. The following are the District's areas of weakness, need, or inefficiency which need to be addressed by the District:

The district needs more volunteer firemen and additional funding for newer equipment to better serve its community. With more volunteers and newer equipment, the department will be able to help those in need much more efficiently.

4. The District can best address its areas of weakness, need, or inefficiency by doing the following:

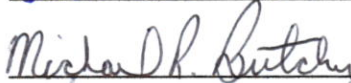
The District needs to generate interest in the fire department by going out and talking to people within the community about the services it provides and the value in being a volunteer for the department.

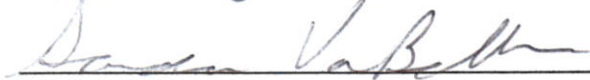
5. The District as a provider of an essential emergency service in its jurisdictional territory is in need of additional federal, state, and county support to address its areas of weakness and need by providing additional direct financial support; supporting the District's efforts to increase its financial support by tax and bond issue referenda; and by working with the fire service organizations in the County(ies) to recruit and retain volunteer and paid personnel.

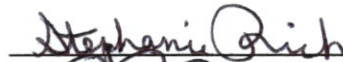
Respectfully submitted,













Being all of the Members of the Scottville-Modesto Rural Fire Protection District Decennial Efficiency Committee

Dated: October 11, 2023