

W3 Fire Co-op Steering Committee

June 30, 2022 9:30 AM

Present: Whitehouse Wayne King, Louann Artiaga, Jordan D. Josh Hartbarger

Waterville: Nick Sargent, Jon Gochenour, Doug Meyer, John Rosik

Waterville Twp: Kyle Hertzfeld, Jean Taylor

Other: Gary Summer (Attorney), Daryl McNutt, Jason Francis, Mike Graham (Fire Chief Sylvania)

To open the meeting Josh gave a recap of how the Co-op was formed. Contract was signed in April 2021. Doug Meyer thanked Jordan and Jon C for their efforts in making the Co-op happen.

Jordan was then voted as chair and the meeting was called to order with 8 members present.

Gary Summers discussed contents of contract in particular the function of the W3 committee as an advisory board with no actual legislative authority. The function of the board consist of the following:

- Monitoring consistency of operations
- Dispute resolution
- Advisory
- Compliance of Co-op contract
- Recommendations for improvement
- Evaluation
- Future responders and equipment
- Training compliances due to different local situations (Water rescue)
- Yearly annual report – the chief’s creating a monthly report that could be used to develop the yearly report.

The next item of discussion was appointment of a ninth person at large to the committee. According to the contact the 9th person will serve as chair of the committee. Gary gave options under the contract for appointing that person and talked about the process I appointing that person. There are currently no term limits for this person. Options of a

one to three term was discussed. It was noted that the person at large is not required to be a resident of any of the three entities under the Co-op. It was decided that each entity would bring at least 2 names for consideration to the next meeting which was scheduled for Thursday, August 25th at 9:30 A.M.

The meeting was then adjourned at 10:30A.M.

Respectfully submitted
Louann Artiaga