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EVMS Board Telecon Meeting Minutes 25 March 2026

Participants:

EVMS Board Members Present:

Chief Jason Shivers, Chair
Chief Eric Pelletier, Vice Chair
Chief John McDonald, Treasurer
Chief Ashanti Gray, Secretary
Chief Kevin Hardwick, Director at Large
Chief Richard Riley, Eastern Division Representative
Mr. Scott Beecher, Ex-Officio FAMA Representative

EVMS Board Members Not Present:

Chief Philip Thorburn, Director, Canadian Division Representative
Chief Harold McDonald, Director, Southwestern Division Representative

IAFC Guests/Staff:

Chief Scott Souders
Mr. Kevin McGee, IAFC Liaison

Call to Order

Chief Shivers chaired the meeting. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting came to order at 13:03 hours ET.

Chief Shivers welcomed all in attendance.

MOTION: 25 March 2026-01

Motion made and seconded to approve the 22 October 2025 Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Beecher/Hardwick

Chair Report

Chief Jason Shivers, Chair

Chief Shivers and Scott Beecher briefed the Board on the Large Emergency Vehicle Supply and Demand White Paper project.

Chief Shivers informed the Board of the Congressional Testimony that was submitted to the Senate Subcommittee record. The IAFC was uninvited to the hearing likely due to the balanced position taken. Chief Shivers and IAFC staff briefed the Senators' staffs on the issues and IAFC position, were invited to the hearing and then uninvited immediately before the hearing.

Chief Shivers presented a recognition/congratulations plaque to Chief Scott Souders for his years of leadership and service while a member of the Board. All attending Board members expressed appreciation to Chief Souders.

Vice Chair Report

Chief Eric Pelletier, Vice Chair

No Vice Chair report.

Treasurer Report

Chief John McDonald

Chief J McDonald submitted the Finance Report for the month of January 2026: Ending Assets \$136,078.

The Section remains within budget.

Secretary Report

Chief Ashanti Gray

The EVMS webpage was updated with the 2026 Board election information call for applicants.

Chief John McDonald was charged with recruiting a candidate to fill the unexpired Great Lakes Division At-Large vacancy.

IAFC Board Advocate

Chief Shivers requested an IAFC Board Advocate to fill the vacancy left by Chief Wamsley.

2026 Board Election

Chief Jason Shivers, Chief Kevin Hardwick

Chief Shivers appointed Chief Kevin Hardwick, Chief Richard Riley and Chief Eric Pellitier to serve on the Nomination Committee per the EVMS Bylaws. Chief Hardwick is serving as chair.

Chief Hardwick reported that the call for applicants was ebalsted to members for the 2026 election cycle. The terms for the election include, Southeastern, Missouri Valley and Western Division at-large directors.

Old Business

FRI Presentation Proposal – A proposal to present the EVMS White Paper Fire Apparatus Supply and Demand project was submitted.

Emergency Vehicle Safety Initiatives Project – Chief Hardwick informed the Board that so far the USFA has not replied to his request for the draft EVSI document. VCOS is interested to participate in a cross section effort and Chief Hardwick will contact Safety Health and Survival Section leadership to determine their interest to join.

New Business.

Topics for the 2026 FRI was discussed to include presentation of the Large Emergency Vehicle Supply and Demand White Paper and a presentation on Emergency Vehicle Safety.

Staff Liaison

Kevin McGee

Chief Donna Black started as CEO/Executive Director on Monday. The COO position is currently vacant.

Good of the Order

Motion for adjournment approved.

The meeting ended at 13:58 hrs ET

Minutes submitted by:

Chief Ashanti Gray
EVMS Secretary

Chief Jason Shivers
EVMS Chair