

Tri-River Police Training Region

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Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of May 26, 2021 Meeting

The May 26, 2021 Tri-River Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 8:31am by Chairman Klima in the Community Room at the Plainfield Police Department. Roll was called by Jill Marr, and a quorum of members and proxies was established.

Members in attendance:

Chairman Aaron Klima
Chief John Burica
Chief Shane Casey
Chief Fred Hayes
Chief Alicia Steffes
Chief Justin Meyer
Chief Al Swinford
Chief Scott Koerner
Chief Phil Arnold
D/C Hilary Davis for Chief Louis Alessandrini
D/C Bradley Hertzmann for Chief Edward Clark
D/C John Ferdinando for Chief Ken Kroll
D/C Ron Huff for Chief Terry Lemming
Lt. Anthony Columbus for Chief Mike Rompa
Commander Anthony Novak for Chief John Konopek
Sgt. Steven Formenti for Sheriff Mike Kelley
Sgt. Robert Baikie for Chief Robert Dykstra
Sgt. Brent Cash
Sgt. Jamal Martin
Sgt. Mimi Bejda

Members absent:

Sheriff Ken Briley
Chief John Keating
Chief Dawn Malec
I/C Brian Zarnowski
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher
ILETSB Representative

Others in attendance:

Richard Fonck, Tri-River, Executive Director
John Perona, Tri-River, Training Coordinator
Jill Marr, Tri-River, Administrative Assistant

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Chief Hayes made a motion to approve the April 28, 2021 meeting minutes. Chief Arnold seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Bolingbrook PD - aye
Channahon PD - aye
Crest Hill PD - aye
Elwood PD - aye
Frankfort PD - aye
Grundy Co. SO - absent
Joliet PD - absent
Lockport PD - aye
Manhattan PD - absent
Manteno PD - aye
Minooka PD - aye
Mokena PD - absent
Morris PD - aye
New Lenox PD - aye
Plainfield PD - aye
Rockdale PD - aye
Romeoville PD - aye
Shorewood PD - aye
Will County Sheriff - aye
Wilmington PD - aye
Village of Channahon - absent
ILETSB Representative - absent

The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Klima went around the room for introductions and welcomed the new attendees.

Chief Scott Koerner of the Monee Police Department expressed interest in joining the Tri-River Advisory Board. Monee PD is a general member of Tri-River Police Training Region currently. D/C Huff made a motion to allow Monee PD to join the Tri-River Advisory Board. Chief Casey seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Bolingbrook PD - aye
Channahon PD - aye
Crest Hill PD - aye
Elwood PD - aye

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Frankfort PD - aye
Grundy Co. SO - absent
Joliet PD - absent
Lockport PD - aye
Manhattan PD - absent
Manteno PD - aye
Minooka PD - aye
Mokena PD - absent
Morris PD - aye
New Lenox PD - aye
Plainfield PD - aye
Rockdale PD - aye
Romeoville PD - aye
Shorewood PD - aye
Will County Sheriff - aye
Wilmington PD - aye
Village of Channahon - absent
ILETSB Representative - absent

The motion carried.

Chairman Klima stated there is a need to fill upcoming vacancies that will be coming to the Tri-River Advisory Board. Chairman Klima will be stepping down as Chairman, Vice-Chairman Burica will be stepping down as Vice-Chairman and Secretary Hertzmann will be stepping down as Secretary. These positions hold a two-year term. If anyone is interested in holding one of the positions, the vote for replacements will be on the June 23rd meeting agenda.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:

None.

Executive Session

Chief Casey made a motion at 8:39am to enter into a closed meeting per 5 ILCS 120 Section 2, C (1), (2), and (11), to discuss exempted topics as needed, seconded by Chief Arnold.

A roll call was taken as follows:

Bolingbrook PD - aye
Channahon PD - aye
Crest Hill PD - abstain
Elwood PD - aye
Frankfort PD - aye
Grundy Co. SO - absent
Joliet PD - absent
Lockport PD - aye
Manhattan PD - absent

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Manteno PD - aye
Minooka PD - aye
Mokena PD - absent
Monee PD - aye
Morris PD - aye
New Lenox PD - aye
Plainfield PD - aye
Rockdale PD - aye
Romeoville PD - aye
Shorewood PD - aye
Will County Sheriff - aye
Wilmington PD - aye
Village of Channahon - absent
ILETSB Representative - absent

The motion carried.

The open meeting reconvened at 8:55am. Chief Arnold made a motion to set the employment offer for the Executive Director apprentice in training at Tri-River Police Training Region to D/C Bradley Hertzmann with an effective start date of June 01, 2021, a starting salary of \$86,500.00 annually and the option to opt into the current health insurance plan offered at Tri-River. There will not be a reimbursement of healthcare costs outside of the health care plan offered at Tri-River Police Training Region. Chief Hayes seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Bolingbrook PD - aye
Channahon PD - aye
Crest Hill PD - abstain
Elwood PD - aye
Frankfort PD - aye
Grundy Co. SO - absent
Joliet PD - absent
Lockport PD - aye
Manhattan PD - absent
Manteno PD - aye
Minooka PD - aye
Mokena PD - absent
Monee PD - aye
Morris PD - aye
New Lenox PD - aye
Plainfield PD - aye
Rockdale PD - aye
Romeoville PD - aye
Shorewood PD - aye
Will County Sheriff - aye
Wilmington PD - aye

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Village of Channahon - absent
ILETSB Representative - absent

The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel

No report.

FINANCE:

Director Fonck reviewed the Financial Report dated 05/26/2021, which a copy was distributed. (Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

Highlights:

- Received \$50,000.00 ASSIST grant payment. A total of \$234,699.06 has been received for the FY21 ASSIST grant, that is 56% of the total amount we expected.
- Street Crimes \$6,000.00; Gang Combat Dynamics \$4,000.00 and Tactical Interviewing \$6,500.00 have all been paid.
- The ILETSB reached out to us and will be sending over an additional \$40,000.00 to cover additional operational expenses we have for May 2021 and June 2021. This will free up training funds so we can add some last minute classes in June.

POLICY AND BYLAWS:

Commander Novak stated the Policy and By-Law Committee met on May 11, 2021, to review the current language in the Policy manual regarding vacation time for Tri-River employees. The current language states One (1) through Four (4) years of service equals Two (2) weeks of vacation; Five (5) through Nine (9) equals Three (3) weeks; Ten (10) through Fourteen (14) equals Four (4) weeks and Fifteen (15) or more equals Five (5) weeks. After much discussion, it was determined a change to the vacation time compensation should be made and that another Policy and By-Law Committee meeting will take place in the future to further review the Policy and By-Laws manuals. Commander Novak made a motion to change the vacation time compensation to One (1) through Four (4) years of service equals Three (3) weeks of vacation time; Five (5) through Nine (9) years of service equals Four (4) weeks of vacation time; Ten (10) years or more equals Five (5) weeks of vacation time effective July 1, 2021. Chief Casey seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Bolingbrook PD - aye
Channahon PD - aye
Crest Hill PD - abstain
Elwood PD - aye

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Frankfort PD - aye
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Morris PD - aye
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Plainfield PD - aye
Rockdale PD - aye
Romeoville PD - aye
Shorewood PD - aye
Will County Sheriff - aye
Wilmington PD - aye
Village of Channahon - absent
ILETSB Representative - absent

The motion carried.

TRAINING:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Director Fonck provided an update on the FY22 dues. So far, we have collected dues from 18 of the 62 departments for a total of \$58,800.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Training schedule was reviewed by Director Fonck.
 - The master schedule is posted to the website and the August calendar will be added next week.
 - We are working currently working on adding four Defensive Driving classes, Peer Support, Managing the Field Training Process (Sokolove) and Yoga for First Responders all in June with the extra training funds we have. An email blast will go out once these classes get posted to the website.

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- Director Fonck summarized the Zoom meeting Tri-River staff attended on May 5, 2021, with ILETSB staff and fellow MTU Directors and staff.
 - The ILETSB is still hopeful to receive 40-60 million for FY22 budget to handle the increase in employees needed to implement the changes brought forth with the SAFE-T Act.
 - We were reminded that the SAFE-T Act goes into effect July 1, 2021, but Officers will have a full year to become compliant. Work is still being done on the trailer bill and the ILETSB is hopeful this is where a lot of details can be worked out with redundances and overlap.
 - LETM will be undergoing a major overhaul to make the site capable of handling all the new hourly tracking requirements.
 - After July 1, 2021, classes submitted for certification will have to be broken down by the hour. Online or In-Service training that is an hour or under in length will probably not be able to get certified any longer.
- Chairman Klima officially offered D/C Hertzmann the Executive Director apprentice in training position at Tri-River Police Training Region with an effective start date of June 01, 2021, a starting salary of \$86,500.00 annually and the option to opt into the current health insurance plan offered at Tri-River. D/C Hertzmann stated he accepts the position.

May 2021 bills for approval:

A motion was made by D/C Ferdinando, seconded by D/C Davis, and carried by all members present by roll call to approve May's bills.

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| • Total payments | \$55,432.58 |
| • IDOT | \$8,278.08 |
| • CIT | \$1,009.85 |
| • HSG | \$11,560.00 |

OPEN DISCUSSION:

D/C Davis presented Director Fonck with a plaque to thank him for his 13 years of service to Tri-River Police Training and his dedication to Law Enforcement over 45 years.

Chief Koerner inquired on in-service training and how to get it certified for the new mandates. Commander Novak mentioned he could share his templates with the Chief.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date is set for June 23, 2021 at our office location at the Plainfield Police Department Community Room, 14300 Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544.

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ADJOURNMENT:

D/C Ferdinando made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Arnold, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned 09:32AM.

Submitted by:

Transcribed by:

Approved through email review on 06/08/2021	
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Bradley Hertzmann, Secretary, Advisory Board

Jill Marr, Administrative Assistant, Tri-River