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HAND-DELIVERED

Effingham County Board
Attn: Angie Thompson
101 North Fourth Street, Suite 301
Effingham, IL 62401

Re: Altamont Fire Protection District
Report of the Decennial Efficiency Committee

Dear Ms. Thompson:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and one copy of Report of the Decennial Efficiency Committee completed on behalf of the Altamont Fire Protection District. Please proceed to submit the Report to the County Board for approval. Once approved, please forward us a file-stamped copy of the Report for our records. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

TAYLOR LAW OFFICES, P. C.

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Tracy A. Willenborg

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ALTAMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EFFINGHAM COUNTY, ILLINOIS

REPORT OF THE DECENNIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to 50 ILCS 70/1 et seq., the Decennial Efficiency Committee of the Altamont Fire Protection District respectfully submits to the administrative office of Effingham County its report as follows:

A. On December 12, 2022, the Board of Trustees of the Altamont 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, and two residents of the District. Kyle Willenburg, Dan Roedl, Brian Lustig, Kent Stuckey, and Charles Siebert served on the committee.

B. The committee met on the following dates: Dec 19, 2022 Jan 23, 2023 Feb 27, 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: Our fire district has good response times. The firemen know the layout of the district well, most have lived in the fire district for many years, knowing how to navigate efficiently in and around our district in various situations being weather, traffic, construction, enable

them to quickly respond to the call. The district's fleet of equipment is well maintained, and tested regularly as required by law. Our district has enough gear and equipment for a 30 person roster, and is usually full, most of the volunteers work in town, and are available for fire calls during the day.

3. The following are the District's areas of weakness, need, or inefficiency which need to be addressed by the District: We have a lack of space. The Altamont Fire Protection District is still in the first building the district built. We are completely out of room, a storage unit is being rented to house some of the smaller items.

4. The District can best address its areas of weakness, need, or inefficiency by doing the following: The district needs a new and bigger fire station. We have found a new location, and are in the process of buying the property. The new station will be moved, to better serve the majority of the members of the fire district. We have formed a building committee to start the process of designing, and planning for a new station.

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 to recruit and retain volunteer and paid personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated: April 16, 2024