The Board of Directors of the Marion County Ambulance District met on Thursday, July 12, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Marion County Ambulance District Administrative Office. Board members attending were Chairman Dorothea Lake, Vice Chairman Marie Frankenbach, Cheryl Arntzen, Brian Fowler, and Branson Wells. Also attending were EMS Chief John Nemes, Finance and Benefits Director Claudette Moss, Assistant Finance Director Kari Garrett, and Patty Cheffey.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Dorothea Lake.

The minutes of the last meeting held on May 18, 2023, were read. A motion was made by Branson Wells to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Marie Frankenbach, and unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

The treasurer's report, accounts receivable reconciliation, profit and loss, and financial reports for May and June 2023 were also reviewed.

Chief Nemes then presented the Board with the Chief's report. MCAD answered 525 calls for emergency service in June. Base 1 (Hannibal) – 2711 handled 137 calls, 2721 handled 138 calls, Base 2 (Hannibal) handled 167 calls, Base 3 (Palmyra) handled 78 calls, and we had 32 on-duty transfers and 5 off-duty.

The Administrative building is still waiting for the siding contractor to do the siding. He had several jobs before ours.

Work on the District web page is ongoing. It is public now, although we are still making a few additions and corrections. Everything needed for compliance is in place, though.

The CMS Cost Reporting is complete and has been uploaded. We hope that this is a "one and done" deal because it took a massive amount of work on everyone's part.

Southwest completed the installation of the AV equipment in the training room. We will be working with Steve to get all instructors trained. It is simple to work, and it will be a huge improvement for training.

Brandon Buckman from Air Evac and I met with staff at NE Power to discuss possible upgrades to the helipad there. Several ideas and suggestions were offered, and we will continue to work together for the good of the Palmyra community and surrounding area.

I attended the Hannibal Emergency Management meeting to do a NTSD debriefing and discuss ways to improve operations and communications for the event, along with the expected impacts of the 3rd street viaduct closure soon.

AEDs are back on an extended shipping time of 8-10 months. We have several ordered for the area, but it will be some time before we receive them and put them in place.

Under Old Business, Chief Nemes presented the Board with the final draft of the Tuition Policy. This policy is intended to help current employees achieve their Paramedic certification with little or no expense to them. A motion to approve the Tuition policy was made by Branson Wells, the motion was seconded by Brian Fowler. It was unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

Under New Business, The Board was presented with the final audit report from Wade Stables. This was the same as the preliminary report that was sent. No recommendations were made, and the District is in good standing.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 24, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Marion County Ambulance District Administrative Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Branson Wells. The motion was seconded by Marie Frankenbach and was unanimously approved on a roll call vote.