**Jordan Valley EMS Authority Special Board Meeting Minutes**
**October 12, 2026 at 5:30**
**555 Maple St. East Jordan, MI 49727**

1.**Call to Order** and Pledge of Allegiance: 5:36pm
2.**Invocation:** Mark
3.**Roll Call**: Brian Olszewski(Wilson Twp), Tim Timmer(Echo Twp), Josh Chamberlain(South Arm Twp), Mark Penzien(City of East Jordan), Alex Busman(Banks Twp), Jim Rathbun(Jordan Twp). Staff Kim Brooks, Heather Jackson.
**Guests**: 33
**Approval of Agenda**: Motion by Timmer, supported by Chamberlain. All in favor, motion carried.
**Public Comment**: Tony Azzopardi, spoke of concerns of current Board members. Scott Coge, thanked Mr. Chamberlain for his concern and questions. Mike Bertram, offered support to JVEMSA. Jesse Silva, offered consulting assistance. Hope Wynkoop, read a letter to the Board with her concerns of dismissal in regard to Director Yonkman.
**Timmer made a motion to adjourn to a closed session** to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by statute under MCL 15.268(1)(h), specifically identified as an attorney-client privilege written legal opinion. Supported by Chamberlain. All in favor, motioned carried at 5:51pm.
**Open Session resumed, 6:24pm.**
**Agenda Item: Decision Regarding**
Timmer made a motion that the Board terminate the employment of the Director for Cause under Section 5(a)(iv)(D) of the Director's Employment Agreement, effective immediately and that the Board President be authorized to sign and deliver a written notice of termination as prepared by the Authority's legal counsel. This was supported by Chamberlain. Roll Call Vote: All in favor, Olszewski, Timmer, Chamberlain, Penzien, Busman, Rathbun. All Opposed, none. Motion Carried.
There was discussion to post for an Interim Director. To put on the JVEMSA website and in house at the station. A job description will be provided. Ryanne Lucero agreed to step into the position until a replacement is available.
A special meeting for October 15th at 5:30 was agreed upon by the Board members.

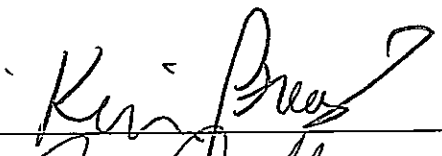
At this time there was a discussion to terminate the mechanic program. The Board discussed what work is scheduled and needs to be completed. Busman made a motion to terminate the program, allowing the mechanic on staff to wrap up any work that needs to be completed. And only working the hours needed to work on the trucks. Busman made a motion to terminate the program, with mechanic completing jobs already scheduled, supported by Rathbun. Roll Call Vote: In favor, Rathbun, Busman, Penzien, Timmer, Olszewski. All Opposed, Chamberlain. Motion Carried.

Busman initiated discussion about the patient care report issues. Med Control has requested a run report from Yonkman every week, with his plan of action to resolve the issue.

**Public Comment**: A. Falkenberg raised concern about the hiring process of Yonkman and lack of vetting process. She felt new process should be in place for future hiring. Leroy Wynkoop, addressed Penzien in regard to possible threat of Hope Wynkoops' employment and requested he resign. Scott Coger, reiterated the completion of reports important. Scott Gillespie, inquired about day-to-day decisions currently. It was explained that Ryanne Lucero would be in charge until and Interim Director was selected. Lucero explained why she would not be applying but stated she would help to support the person who takes the position.

**Board Comments**: Olszewski stated the situation has been frustrating and they are trying their best. Penzien praised Chamberlain for his part in Director matters and stated that the Authority would work through this with employees and our partners. Busman does not want to resign. States all Board members have put much time into the Authority, away from family. He wants what is best for the agency. Rathbun states the crew is the best and he appreciates them.

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:55pm**

**Presented By: Kim Brooks** 

**Board Secretary: Jim Rathbun** 