

MEETING MINUTES

Northern Piatt Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

April 15, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 19:00 PM.

Roll Call

Roll call taken. Trustees present: Donald Deffenbaugh, John Hannah, and Thad Gilman. Trustees absent: Rusty Woliung. Also present: Chief Jones, Joyce Dowell.

Routine Matters

Approval of March Minutes – Minutes of the March 2026 meeting were reviewed. John made a motion to approve the minutes. Thad seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

Approval of Bills Payable and Treasurer's Report for April 2026 – The bills payable and treasurer's report for April reviewed. Thad made a motion to approve the bills payable and treasurer's reports, John seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the bills payable and treasurer's reports was unanimous.

Public Comment

Firefighter Zach Reynolds presented information to Trustees for landscaping around the outside sign. Trustees are interested in contributing funds to the project; discussion of using Firefighters Memorial Fund and displaying a plaque stating so. Zach will bring more information to next month's Trustee meeting.

Old Business

1. Concrete – Received letter of approval from the Comptroller's office to release funds to contractor for the concrete work completed.
2. FCFD Ambulance Service – Duffy attended Farmer City's meeting on ambulance service. He stated NPPFD is very pleased with the current agreement with Kirby Hospital and will not be pursuing any changes.

New Business

1. Kirby Ambulance Agreement – Chief gave preliminary copies to Trustees of agreement from Kirby EMS Director, who is still working on population numbers. Plan to have final agreement for next month's Trustee meeting.
2. Trustee Vacancy – Zach expressed interest in the open Trustee position and wrote letter of interest. Trustees will consider Zach's interest along with other prospects. Further discussion at the next Trustee meeting.

Chief's Old Business

1. Replacement Foam – has been ordered.
2. Tarp Repair – no updates
3. Firefighter attendance policy – concerns were discussed if a FF is on probation, they are not able to drive a truck or wear SBCA. Chief proposed adding "unless approved by an officer" to the policy and removing the 3 month timeframe. He will update and bring to next meeting.

Chief's New Business

1. Need to purchase new UPS battery system

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 19:55.

Next Meeting – May 20, 2026