

MEETING MINUTES

Northern Piatt Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

March 18, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 19:00 PM.

Roll Call

Roll call taken. Trustees present: Donald Deffenbaugh, John Hannah, Thad Gilman, and Rusty Woliung. Trustees absent: Jesse Funderburk. Jesse has stepped down from his appointment and apologized he didn't have the time to devote to the position. Also present: Chief Jones, Joyce Dowell.

Routine Matters

Approval of December Minutes – Minutes of the December 2025 meeting were reviewed. John made a motion to approve the minutes. Rusty seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

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

Public Comment

Discussion of possible future revenue coming from the wind turbines and how the levy can be adjusted; what is the plan and priorities of the district – personnel, training, truck.

Old Business

1. Concrete – John received a phone call from Comptroller's office stating the contractor has met all requirements and the district can release the funds to the contractor. After we receive written confirmation from the Comptroller's office, we will send payment. Rusty made a motion to approve sending the payment once we get paperwork from Comptroller's office, Thad seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve was unanimous.
2. Surplus / selling of old trucks – once the second truck is repaired, it will go to auction.
3. Water softener drain – no action will be taken.
4. FCFD Ambulance Service – Duffy and John will attend Farmer City's meeting in April for informational purposes only. The district is very pleased with the current agreement with Kirby Hospital.

New Business

1. Possible approval of AFR – Joyce will contact accountant for an update

Chief's Old Business

1. Replacement truck purchase – the new rescue vehicle will be delivered in 2027
2. Tarp Repair – Chief stated he'll take the tarp to Bloomington for a quote
3. Replacement Foam – We are still waiting on payment for a non-resident call where foam was utilized.

Chief's New Business

1. Truck radios - Will have to upgrade truck radios in order to communicate with Dewitt County, no further information at this time.

2. Firefighter attendance policy – Chief presented a draft copy to the updated firefighter attendance policy for trustees review. Will be discussed/reviewed at next meeting.
3. Pancake & sausage breakfast this Saturday, March 21st
4. Foam Quote - \$235 for 5 gallon pail

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 19:40.

Next Meeting – April 15, 2026