MEETING MINUTES

Northern Piatt Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

August 19, 2026

Call to Order
The meeting called to order at 19:00 PM.

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

Routine Matters
Approval of July Minutes – Minutes of the July 2026 meeting were reviewed. Thad made a motion to approve the minutes. Barry seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.
Approval of Bills Payable and Treasurer's Report for August 2026 – The bills payable and treasurer's report for August reviewed. Thad made a motion to approve the bills payable and treasurer's reports, Barry seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the bills payable and treasurer's report was unanimous.

Public Comment
Discussion of water filters for the ice machine.

Old Business

1. Approval of Kirby Ambulance Agreement – no update.
2. New tower – Chief contacted a company out of Champaign, their recommendation is to install a freestanding tower; which is not attached to building and bigger at the base. Also recommended changing the antennas at the same time; chief will be getting quotes.

New Business

None

Chief's Old Business

1. Hose drying rack – Ready to ship, with shipping included, total cost is $2450.
2. Chief stated the DeWalt salesman is trying to get the company to give us a discount on the 4 batteries that don't work.

Chief's New Business

1. Chief stated he will be getting the new truck on Thursday, August 27th. Remaining balance is $295,253.00. Chief contacted insurance company for coverage – truck will be insured for $400,000; paperwork is on it's way.
2. DEA requires a locked box for narcotics to be installed in the truck, that only licensed firefighters can access. Chief will purchase a small safe/locked box.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 19:30.

Next Meeting – September 16, 2026