

MEETING MINUTES

Northern Piatt Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

August 20, 2025

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 Russell Woliung. Also present: Chief Jones, Joyce Dowell.

Routine Matters

Approval of July Minutes – Minutes of the July 2025 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 August 2025 – The bills payable and treasurer's report for August reviewed. Thad made a motion to approve the bills payable and treasurer's report, Rusty seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the bills payable and treasurer's report was unanimous.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

1. Concrete Replacement – John waiting on approvals and will turn in paperwork when everything is in order.
2. Trustee vacancy – Jesse Funderburk was put forth as an interested party for the Trustee vacancy.
3. ISO report – discussion of the ISO report and trainings to meet requirements. Duffy commented on firefighters training at the house on McKinley Street.
4. Discussion of selling old trucks – John recommended taking the old trucks to auction at Martin Auction Services in Clinton November 8th. Duffy will contact the Lawyer to see if we need to have an ordinance to sell surplus. Discussion of removing stickers from the trucks and locating truck titles. Trucks for sale are the 1974 Ford and 1996 International.

New Business

1. Approval of 2025 Annual Statement of Receipts & Disbursements – Trustees reviewed the 2025 Annual Statement of Receipts & Disbursements and found a needed correction. Under section 3, Zach Reynolds is listed twice; secretary will contact Attorney to remove the duplicate entry for Zach. John made a motion to approve the 2025 Annual Statement of Receipts & Disbursements, pending the correction. Thad seconded the motion; a roll call vote to approve the motion was unanimous. After receiving the corrected copy from Attorney, secretary will have John sign, then send to Attorney.
2. Generator Maintenance Agreement from Sherman's – Trustees reviewed the annual service agreement for the generator. John made a motion to approve the generator service agreement; Rusty seconded the motion. A roll call vote to renew the service agreement was unanimous.

Chief's Old Business

1. Truck Repairs #8679 – The nozzle on truck works great, but a few changes need made to the lights.

2. Water Softener Drain – Chief has not found a plumber willing to do the work. Discussion held on possible options on how to complete the job.
3. Replacement truck purchase - no discussion
4. ID Card Printer – no discussion

Chief's New Business

1. Thermal Imaging Camera – The older TIC is obsolete, and can't get replacement battery chargers anymore. Chief will have more information next month.
2. Ambulance coverage – As of October 15th, AMT will no longer be providing ambulance service to our area. Discussion of possible options, John has discussed with Kirby; discussion of possibly Farmer City/Dewitt County, Carle Arrow Ambulance Services. Trustees reviewed letter from Chief asking for proposals from interested EMS providers for calls in our district. Letters will be mailed as soon as possible.
3. There will be training this Saturday at house on McKinley Street, other departments have been invited and firefighters would like to service a small lunch, if possible. Other departments invited are Mid-Piatt, Farmer City, & Bellflower.
4. Insurance agent will be at the October meeting. When talking to the insurance company, they recommend we no longer offer the fire station for party/event rentals. If the department does continue to rent the building, the party renting the station will need to provide proof of insurance. Duffy will discuss this with the Attorney as well.

Rusty made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel. Thad seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve was unanimous.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 19:45.

Next Meeting – September 17, 2025