MEETING MINUTES

Northern Piatt Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

July 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,Thad Gilman, and Barry Viktora. Trustees absent: Rusty Woliung. Also present: Chief Jones, Joyce Dowell.

Routine Matters
Approval of June Minutes – Minutes of the June 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 July 2026 – The bills payable and treasurer's report for July 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
None.

Old Business
1. Approval of Kirby Ambulance Agreement – no update.
2. Outside Landscaping – Chief stated he recommended to the firefighters, due to the time of year it best to wait until next spring.
3. New tower – no update.

New Business
1. Approval of 2026 Annual Statement of Receipts & Disbursements – Trustees reviewed the 2026 Annual Statement of Receipts & Disbursements. John made a motion to approve the 2026 Annual Statement of Receipts & Disbursements and Thad seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve was unanimous. Secretary will send signed copy to Attorney to publish and to the Accountant for his records.
2. Approval of FY2027 Budget – The resolution for Fiscal Year 2027 Budget was read for approval. John made a motion to approve the 2027 Budget Ordinance and Barry seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the ordinance was unanimous. Secretary will send signed copies to the Attorney and keep one for district records.

Chief's Old Business
1. Hose drying rack – Barry presented details on hose rack for review by Trustees and Chief. Decided that only one hose tray at the bottom is needed. Barry made a motion to purchase the 8' drying rack with one hose tray, be purchased for $2195 and Thad seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve was unanimous.
2. Replacement Foam – Chief found a place to purchase and will order soon. He also received an email from state legislation they are trying to pass a bill that districts must dispose of leftover old foam, but not clear on where to dispose of and at who's expense.
3. Tarp Repair – no action.

4. Firefighter attendance policy – Chief stated the policy has been cleaned up, removed the reevaluation after three months. Duffy made a motion to approve the changes to the Firefighter attendance policy and Thad seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve was unanimous.
5. Air pack bottle – It cost $800 to replace a new valve with MES; Chief received a quote for a non-Scott bottle with a remanufactured valve for approximately $765. Chief recommends purchasing one of these bottles with the remanufactured valve to try out, then can start replacing others. Discussion of purchasing bottles in the future on a rotational basis. Duffy made a motion to purchase one bottle to try out and John seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the purchase was unanimous.

Chief's New Business

1. Chief stated three 3 year old DeWalt batteries have gone bad, not sure if it's the batteries or the charger. Duffy has a charger he will check to see if it's the same voltage before purchasing anything.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 19:45.

Next Meeting – August 19, 2026