MEETING MINUTES

Northern Piatt Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

June 24, 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 May Minutes – Minutes of the May 2026 meeting were reviewed. Thad made a motion to approve the minutes. Duffy seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.
Approval of Bills Payable and Treasurer's Report for June 2026 – The bills payable and treasurer's report for June reviewed. Discussion of upcoming brake work for one of the trucks. Thad made a motion to approve the bills payable and treasurer's reports, Duffy 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 – Ethan at Kirby is still waiting to hear back.
2. Outside Landscaping – no discussion.

New Business
1. Approval of 2026 Annual Statement of Receipts & Disbursements – will review at next month's meeting with Treasurer present.
2. New tower – Discussion of a possible company in Bloomington.
3. SEI penalty – Former trustee filed their Statement of Economic Interest with Piatt County late, now there is a $15 penalty. Duffy made a motion the district pay $15 fee on behalf of the trustee and Thad seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve was unanimous.

Chief's Old Business
1. Replacement Foam – Chief will investigate other possibilities.
2. Tarp Repair – no action.
3. Firefighter attendance policy – Chief will present at next Trustees meeting.
4. EMS & Fire Reporting – Chief has been researching other vendors, as there are problems with the current software. He recommends the new software include pre-plans, assets & inventory - which is now handled electronically. This new option also has a better training module. Thad made a motion to purchase the new EMS & Fire Reporting software, Barry seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the purchase of new reporting software was unanimous.

Chief's New Business
1. Fan – Chief would like to return the fan currently being used to dry gear & hoses back to its owner and will purchase a new fan (approximately $200).

2. Hose Rack – Chief presented information to trustees on purchasing a hose drying rack. Barry knows of someone that could make one; Chief will provide measurements to Barry and investigate further.
3. Thermal Imaging Camera – Need to replace current camera; life expectancy is 5 – 9 years. Chief presented demo model to trustees to check out. Duffy made a motion to purchase a new TIC and Thad seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the purchase of new TIC was unanimous.
4. Air pack bottle – Have an air pack bottle with a bad regulator and costs $800 to replace the valve, $2300 for new cylinder. Discussion of purchasing new on a rotational basis instead of replacing all bottles at once. Chief will investigate further.
5. Truck radio in 8679 - New rescue vehicle will be ready in August. Discussion of using old radio (not digital capable) vs new radio in new truck. New radios have digital capability and are much more expensive. Thad made a motion to purchase a new radio for new truck and Duffy seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve was unanimous.
6. Call volume: May 2025 had 101 calls and May 2026 had 117; 13 calls for June so far.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 19:30.

Next Meeting – July 15, 2026