

MEETING MINUTES

Northern Piatt Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

May 21, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 19:00 PM.

Roll Call

Roll call taken. Trustees present: Donald Deffenbaugh, John Hannah, Dale Lipsey, Thad Gilman and Matthew Althaus. Also present: Chief Jones, Joyce Dowell.

Routine Matters

Approval of April Minutes – Minutes of the April 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 May 2025 – The bills payable and treasurer's report for April reviewed. John made a motion to approve the bills payable and treasurer's report, Thad 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 mentioned we need to hold off until we get the pipe/tile repaired up front of the fire station. John told Brandt Construction, we'll need 4 – 5 days notice to configure trucks - chief will double check on location
2. Truck Purchase – New truck has been ordered, waiting to hear back when the chasis will be delivered.
3. Homecoming book advertisement – looked at previous copies, Joyce will create something new.

New Business

1. Trustee Vacancy– Thad made a motion to appoint Russell Woliung to the vacant trustee position. John seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the motion was unanimous. Russell took the oath of office as a Trustee. Joyce will prepare and submit the appropriate paperwork in support of Russell's appointment (Dale's former position).
2. Budget for FY2026 – Discussed the proposed FY2026 budget, adjusted categories where needed. Joyce will send the budget information to the attorney for preparation of the Budget and Appropriate Ordinance.
3. Levy communications with counties – Decided to have levy confirmation reports sent to the district, then the secretary will send to the Attorney.
4. Recently truck was temporarily out of service for repairs for a couple days.

Chief's Old Business

1. Truck repairs 8679 – no discussion

Chief's New Business

1. Ram extrication equipment – new costs \$11,400 and demo unit is \$9,500. Will apply recent grant money to this purchase. John made a motion to purchase a new battery operated ram. Rusty seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the motion was unanimous.
2. New display sign – needs 20 amp breaker and dedicated line. Thad will investigate.
3. Attendance policy – members not in compliance for attendance. Letters were presented to trustees and will be mailed to those in violation.
4. Staffing issues – Two members recently resigned and numbers are low. Discussed possibly sending out recruitment materials again.
5. Discussed options on what to do with the old outside display sign after the new sign is delivered. Possibly donate to the VOM or whoever might be interested.
6. Grease Gun – John made a motion for district to buy a new 18 volt grease gun, Thad seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 20:10.

Next Meeting – June 18, 2025