

MEETING MINUTES

Northern Piatt Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

July 16, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting called to order at 19:00 PM.

Roll Call

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

Routine Matters

Approval of June Minutes – Minutes of the June 2025 meeting were reviewed. John 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 July 2025 – The bills payable and treasurer's report for July reviewed. John made a motion to approve the bills payable and treasurer's report, Russell 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 will reach out to the attorney concerning the inquiry received from IL Comptroller.
2. Trustee vacancy – no updates
3. Veteran's poker run – Duffy thanked the department for temporarily blocking the road during the event.

New Business

1. The resolution to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 budget was read. John made a motion to approve the resolution. Russell seconded the motion. A roll call vote to approve the resolution was unanimous.
2. Discussion of new solar farm coming up in the area. Part of it will be in our district.
3. ISO report will be distributed to all trustees and discussed at the next Trustee meeting.

Chief's Old Business

1. Truck Repairs #8679 – Chief contacted Mid-State concerning repairs and is waiting a reply.
2. Water Softener Drain – Discussion of who might do the work, it was decided the Chief will reach out to Plumbers.
3. Outside Display Sign – The new display sign is installed outside and looks good. Chief confirmed the sign is insured for up to \$150,000.
4. CO Monitor – has been received
5. Post Covers – have been received

Chief's New Business

1. Missed Calls - There have been two missed calls since last meeting.

2. ID Card Printer – ID Printer doesn't work anymore because it is no longer compatible with the software. A new printer costs \$1500. Since we don't print that many ID cards, the Chief will look into other possible printing options instead of purchasing a new printer.
3. Replacement Truck Purchase – Chief asked if the plan is still to purchase a truck by the end of this year. Trustees commented they prefer to wait to purchase anything at this time, even though there is a 2+ year delay. It was decided to continue investigating Demo Trucks that become available. Discussion of what existing truck(s) will no longer be needed and how to proceed. Trustees stated they would like to 1) get 8679 fixed, 2) sell the unused box truck, 3) then will look further into purchasing a new truck. Discussion of getting rid of the box truck via public bid or auction. Pictures need to be taken and information provided to secretary to create flyers and have posted online.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 20:00.

Next Meeting – August 20, 2025