



Fountain Lake Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting March 16, 2026



CALL TO ORDER:

6:05 pm

John Brandt called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: QUORUM PRESENT

Jack Fields (Chairperson)
John Brandt (Secretary/Treasurer)
Joe Turner
Kenny Kizer

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

OTHER ATTENDEES: Lenny Breshears, Cici Collins, Nate Lamb, Jeramie Richardson, Harry Baker, Brady Smith, Ryana Traves, Traci Hill, Martha Coatney, Katrina Scott, Trecia Willis, Michael Lepitre, Anita Lepitre, and Lyn Price

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

John Brandt nominated Jack Fields as chairperson. Jack accepted the nomination. Joe Turner seconded the nomination. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Kenny Kizer nominated John Brandt as Secretary/Treasurer. Jack Fields seconded the nomination. The nomination passed unanimously.

PRIOR MONTH MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from the February 16th regular board meeting were presented by John. The February 2026 minutes were accepted as presented by consensus.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

John presented the P&L, Balance Sheet, and Statement of Cash Flow reports for the month of February 2026. Kenny asked if the report stated legal fees for last month. John said it can be found on the year to date profit & loss page in the amount of \$1,620.00. John said he needed to add how much we have in each bank account

General Fund	\$31,780.39
Restricted Account:	\$ 3,295.55
Grants Fund:	\$40,874.29
Chambers Account	\$32,367.74

The February 2026 Financial reports were accepted as presented by consensus.

Training:

Harry Baker read Jake's training report. He reported that Lenny Breshears has been appointed the new training officer. He will be receiving his CTO certification in the next two months.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Jake reported that we had a total of 63 total calls for the month of January. There were 14 fires, 44 emergency/medical calls, 1 false alarms, and 4 agency assist calls with Pafford.

Chief's report was accepted as presented by consensus.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

John reported that he has posted the normal activity about our board meeting and road closures due to accidents. It has been hectic reported on training, but John will talk to Jake about getting information to post.

Publicity report accepted by consensus.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Engine 1
 - Engine #1 is working now, but Chris Marlow said the PTO will need to be repaired or it will mess up in the next few fires. Chris is getting the parts, and we are waiting to hear back from him.

- ohn asked about the front end on Engine #1. Harry said that Chris is supposed to be getting us quotes on what it will cost.
- John said that he still needs to get two appraisals or at least someone who can say at what amount this apparatus might be valued.
- Engine 2
 - Working now, but being monitored.
- Tanker 1
 - Tanker #1 is working.
- Tanker 2
 - Tanker #2 is only available for drop tank operations as both pumps are at Caldwell's for repair.
- Rescue 1
 - This truck is good.
- Rescue 2
 - .Out of service because it got wrecked. John reported that Jake met the insurance adjuster and we are just waiting to hear back from our insurance company.
- Brush 2 (Forestry)
 - Is out of service because there is something wrong with the transmission and the pump motor is not working. Jake is considering talking to Forestry about getting another truck. The cost would be \$11..
- Station 1
 - Driveway Apron (John)
 - Tabled
 - Awnings. (John)
 - Tabled
- Station 2
 - Tabled.

Maintenance report is accepted by consensus.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Agreed Upon Procedures – John**

- John reported that the accountant has our 2024 records. We will have to wait until sometime after April 15th before they can begin working on it.

- **Tow Chains (Kenny)**

Kenny brought this up at our last board meeting. Jake did not say anything to Harry about it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Firefighter's meal (John)**

- John asked the firefighters in attendance what they wanted for their meal. Smokin' In Style was suggested. That will be this month's meal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- No Executive Session was needed this month.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Traci Hill – Had a question regarding what was posted on facebook about the firing of Harry Baker. John stated that the board had asked Harry to resign as chief, but asked if he would stay on the department. Harry said he felt he was forced to resign. John then stated that Jake rehired Harry as Assistant Chief, not the board. Because the board wanted Harry to stay they had no problem with Jake brining Harry back.

Katrina Scott – Katrina said we had already answered her question about the insurance.

Lyn Price – Lyn passed out a demand to each board member including a copy for Lee Coatney and Rachel Peters which he presented to John Brandt as Secretary/Treasurer. He stated he is planning to sue the board for wrongful termination. He said he is coming after all of us individually and not as a group. Joe asked who his attorney is and he said you are looking at him. John said he will forward this to our attorney.

Kenny Kizer – Kenny asked if we received a plumbing bill for damage to a water line that was run over by a fire truck. John said we did receive a plumbing bill from Beasley Plumbing. John said that bill was in the amount of \$419.80. Kenny asked what their hourly fee was. John got their bill and stated that Beasley's hourly rate was \$165.00 per hour for a service call. Kenny asked Joe how much he usually charged per hour when doing work for the fire department. Joe said it was just to pay his employees and was usually \$87 to \$100 per hour.

Motion: Kenny made a motion to not call All Pro Plumbing or Joe Turner for any future plumbing needs that the fire department may have and that we outsource every future plumbing call.

Second: John Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

Kenny Kizer – Kenny stated that a few meetings back we had approved a stipend for the Assistant Chief because he was working on trucks.

Motion: Kenny made a motion that we remove the stipend from the current Assistant Chief because he is not helping with working on trucks.

Second: Joe Seconded

John commented that there has been a stipend in the past for both the Chief and Assistant Chief because it was paid for additional duties that they both performed for the department. Johnny Arnold stated that there were times when we paid the stipends and times we did not. Now we are paying it again. Why? Lenny Breshears stated that he has been around a long time and the chief always received a stipend. After much discussion about what duties the chief and assistant chief perform using their personal vehicles. Joe withdrew his second and recommended we keep it like it is. The motion did not move forward.

Kenny Kizer then asked John how many hours he put in responding to FOIA requests. John said he did not know as he did not keep a tally of his hours, but it was probably about 40 to 50 hours. Kenny thanked John for his time that he used to do that without any compensation.

Trecia Willis asked with all of these expenses how will we account for that within the current budget. This led to a discussion about raising the assessments. An assessment committee was formed but never met. Due to the lateness in the year, we did not have time to follow the proper procedure. John stated that the assessments cannot be raised this year and will not be raised this year. John said we have to sometimes move money

around in the budget to make sure we can still get done what we need to do and remain within the budget. Jack asked if we can amend the budget at the end of the year.

7:47 pm

Motion to adjourn: John moved to adjourn

Second: Joe Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

Meeting minutes submitted by:

John Brandt, Secretary/Treasurer