



Fountain Lake Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting May 18, 2026



CALL TO ORDER:

6:00 pm

Jack Fields (Chairperson) 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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Kenny Kizeer
Jason Curtis

OTHER ATTENDEES: Interim Chief Lee Coatney, Assistant Chief Lenny Breshears, Lieutenant Junior Collins, Medical Captain Cici Collins, Katrina Scott, Johnny Arnold, Harry Baker, Brady Smith, Brian Shannon, and Lyn Price

PRIOR MONTH MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from the April 2026 regular board meeting were presented by John. The April 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 April 2026 along with the year to date reports through April 2026.

Bank account balances:

General Account: \$35,205.01
Act 833 Account: \$ 1,336.73



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Grants Account:	\$40,466.82
Chambers Account:	<u>\$22,367.74</u>
Total	\$99,376.00

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

Training:

Interim Chief Coatney reported that he did a Fire Service and Safety class and a PPE class. He said that he will have some upcoming training classes. Captain Norris also conducted a CPR class. Katrina Scott asked if we had gotten any more Narcan. A couple of people said they get it where they work. Katrina told them fire department personnel can get a free Narcan from Smith Drugs and Compounding on Malvern. John said we had gotten a case of 100 last year from an organization, but they are now expired. Katrina Scott said they can still be used. John asked about the Firefighter I and Firefighter II training that was proposed by former Interim Chief Jake Landes. Interim Chief Coatney said that has been cancelled because Jake is the only one certified to teach those classes. Interim Chief Coatney said he still wants to get people to Firefighter I status and we can get outside people to do that training at no cost to the department. He said you have to be at a Firefighter I status to take Structure Fire classes. Anyone who will be doing inside firefighting will need to take these classes.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

John apologized for not running the report for Lee. John reported that we had a total of 56 total calls for the month of April. There were 4 fires, 44 rescue/emergency medical calls, 1 service calls, 1 hazardous condition, 1 false alarm, and 5 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. He also published information about the open house the firefighters hosted this past Saturday. John also reported that he has been getting some pictures he has been able to post from incident scenes. He will talk to Lee about getting pictures of training to post too. John said that Lee has mentioned to him the idea about highlighting one of our firefighters each month to the public and that John can also post that on our signs.



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Publicity report accepted by consensus.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Engine 1
 - Ryan from Lennox Service Center works on big trucks and Lee said he also does work for Piney. He came out and checked Engine 1. He said the bearings are out. He will have to come back out to measure the steering. He said the steering is probably why the bearings are bad.
 - 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
 - Is running fine
- Tanker #1
 - Is doing fine
- Tanker 2
 - Got the pumps put on and is back in service
- Rescue 1
 - This truck is good.
- Rescue 2
 - John reported that last month Joe Turner made a motion that we attempt to find better comparables than what the insurance company presented to us. John said he looked, but did not find anything that would be more than what the insurance company found. Joe said that you can look all day long at Pierce trucks like the insurance company did and not find anything different, but that is not the same quality of truck that we have. Brady Smith asked if the insurance adjuster classified that truck as a pumper or a rescue truck because the truck we have is a heavy rescue. Lyn told John that there is an 800 number inside the driver's door that we can call to get a valuation of the truck. John checked the adjusters notes and said it is listed as Spartan Marion pumper fire truck.



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- **Motion: Joe moved that do research to find better comparables for Rescue #2..**
- **Second: Jsaon Seconded**
- **Passed: Unanimously**
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- **Brush 2 (Forestry)**
 - .Bill Bray replaced components on the pump and replaced the valves on it. He did some transmission work and it is back in service. They took it to a little fire on Sleep Valley.
- **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 and he is expecting to hear from them soon. They usually will contact him with questions they need answers to before the complete the report.
- **Tow Chains (Kenny)**
 - Tabled until next month's meeting.
- **Apparatus Inventory (Jake)**
 - John asked Lee if he knew anything about the list of equipment missing off each apparatus that was presented to the board last month by Jake. Lee said he knows nothing about that and has not seen Jake although Jake has been on calls. John said he will try and find a copy of Jake's list for Lee.



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NEW BUSINESS:

- **Air Conditioner**

- The air conditioner went out. It is a 3 ton unit. Lee asked what we thought about a mini split. Someone mentioned that is not a good idea. John said he had talked to a couple of people about mini splits and even though it will work for the training room, it will not provide any air flow into the office, bathrooms, or medical closet and could lead to mold buildup. It was also mentioned by someone that it can double the electric bill. John recommended that we advertise for bids for two weeks and after the bids close we can have a special meeting to open the bids and decide on which company to select.

- **Motion: John moved that we advertise for two weeks in the paper and online seeking bids to install a 3 ton heat pump.**

- **Second: Joe Seconded**

- **Passed: Unanimously**

- **Hydraulic Extrication Equipment (Lee)**

- Jessieville firefighters were talking with Lee and asked if they could have the hose reel for the hydraulic tools we are never going to use. There was discussion about either donating equipment to another department or give it to the county to auction the equipment. Joe stated that we just need to make sure we have a paper trail. There was continued discussion as to whether we would object to donating any of the hydraulic extrication equipment to Lonsdale. We said we had no objection to that. It was discussed that we could donate the reel to Jessieville and the hydraulic extrication equipment to Lonsdale.

- **SCBA Mask Bags (Lee)**

- Lee showed everyone the bags that came with the masks. Lee showed us that is only a plastic bag and there are ones with a felt liner to help protect the masks. He said that Casco has the felt bags for \$35 each. We will need 18 of the bags and that comes to \$630.00.

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- **Motion: John moved that we authorize Lee to purchase 18 mask bags for no more than \$650.**
- **Second: Joe Seconded**
- **Passed: Unanimously**

- **Raincoats (Lee)**
 - Lee said that not everyone has a raincoat. Lee is going to get us a list of who needs a raincoat and how much they will cost. Lee was told to also get pricing.

- **Pressure Washer (Lee)**
 - Lee said that we need a pressure washer. He said we only need a small one. He saw one at Harbor Freight for about \$400. He said we can use it for washing the sides of the buildings and the trucks. Lyn asked about the steam cleaner at Station #2. There was some speculation that there is something wrong with the steam cleaner. It was mentioned that the board does not need to make a motion as the price seems to be within the Chief's monthly limit of \$500.

- **Forestry Brush Truck (Lee)**
 - Lee said that Jessieville is going to be getting rid of one of their brush trucks. Lee called Greenbriar and they told him to call Tommy Scott. John said that Jake had told us a few months ago that we could get a truck from Forestry for \$11. Lee said he asked the lady with Forestry about that and she did not know what he was talking about. John asked Lee where we would house another brush truck. Lee said we can house another one here at Station #1. Lee said that the truck will not come with a skid. We were told that we would have to go to Greenbriar to see if they even have a truck available.
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- **Firefighter's meal (John)**
 - The firefighters said they wanted Smokin' in Style/.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Johnny Arnold – Johnny said that he has been seeing posted on Facebook that Lee Coatney was being paid and he wants to know if that is true. John told him that Lee is a volunteer and is not being paid. It was stated that Lee is entitled to the Chief's stipend,



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but he turned it down. John said that Lee even turns down receiving his quarterly reimbursement.

Brian Shannon – Brian said that he is always looking at trucks and asked Lee if he will still want him to send him information about trucks. Brian also said that we can call Fouts and they will send someone out to evaluate how much it is worth.

Lyn Price – He had nothing to say at this time.

6:50 pm

Motion to adjourn: John moved to adjourn

Second: Joe Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

Meeting minutes submitted by:

John Brandt, Secretary/Treasurer