



Fountain Lake Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting July 21, 2025



CALL TO ORDER:

6:14 pm

Rachel Peters (Chairperson) called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: QUORUM PRESENT

Rachel Peters (Chairperson)
John Brandt (Secretary/Treasurer)
Joe Turner
Lee Coatney
Kenny Kizer

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

OTHER ATTENDEES: Chief Harry Baker, Assistant Chief Lyn Price, Lieutenant Charles Collins, Brady Smith, Jacob Landes, Justin Miller, and Cindy Collins.

PRIOR MONTH MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from the June 16, 2025, meeting were presented by John.

The June 2025 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 June 2025 and Year to Date through the month of June 2025 along with a report of Actuals vs Budget through June 2025.

Bank Accounts:

General -	\$ 57,336.68
Restricted -	\$ 21,131.84
Grant -	\$ 60.00
Chambers -	<u>\$ 32,367.74</u>
Total -	\$110,896.26

The June 2025 Financial reports were accepted as presented by consensus.

Training:

Lee reported that we had a communications class covering all types of communication. This was a 2 hour class. On the 29th we have a Basic School Inspection Class that is a 4 hour class. Lee will be taking a class through the academy for Active Shooting Training. Some of our firefighters are going to Bismarck for an Extrication Training class. Jake announced that he will be scheduling an Introduction class too as we have a few new people who recently joined.

Training report was accepted as presented by Consensus

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Harry reported there were a total of 70 incidents during the month of May: 3 fires, 58 rescue & emergency medical service calls, 1 service calls, 4 hazardous condition, and 4 false alarms. Harry reported that we are having good response to fires and accidents.

Chief's report was accepted as presented by consensus.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

John reported on posting about our board meeting as well as posting about road and lane closures. John also published on Facebook our request for volunteers to serve on our Assessment committee. He is also using the LED signs to make special weather announcements.

Publicity report accepted by consensus.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Engine 1
 - John reported that he sent in all paperwork required to get the title for this apparatus.
- Engine 2
 - He put the governor on and the accelerator works but it needs to be calibrated to the truck. The model was normal setup and then you need to set it up for the engine. Harry said he has a sheet showing how to do it. The accelerator works but the pump will not engage until it is recalibrated.
- Tanker 1
- Tanker 2

- Rescue 1
- Rescue 2
 - Joe asked about the damage to the right front light and side of Rescue #2. We need to get out apparatus in condition so they look like we are taking care of our equipment. Joe will get them information about places to contact.
- Brush 2 (Forestry)
 - The window is now installed.
- Station 1
 - Driveway Apron (John)

John said the driveway apron and French drain are on hold. There was discussion about several companies not wanting to even bid. The one true bid we got was about \$40,000.
 - Awnings. (Scott)

John said that Scott Greene recently started a new job at the penitentiary and they have not connected to talk to each other. John said the last time he talked to Scott he was told that Scott has some of the materials and we are welcome to pick them up.
 - Enclose open area under roof

Joe said that he and John met with a gentleman last Sunday to look at finishing the enclosed part here at Station #1 and we also met with him at Station #2 to look at what is needed to complete the walls at Station #2. He has not gotten back with us yet. There was also discussion about moving the generator and air conditioner outside. We might want to ask McGrew Electric what it might cost to do this and Joe said that City Electric also does both electricity and heat and air.
- Station 2
 - Joe said the same thing applies to Station #2 as the comments from enclosing the open area at Station #1.

Maintenance report is accepted by consensus.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Audit – John**

- John reported that two weeks ago they requested all of our 2022 files which John brought to them. They today sent an email to ask some questions about some increases they found from 2021 to 2022 that they want to find out the reasons why they may have occurred. John told them that he was leaving Wednesday to go out of town and will be back next Sunday. They asked him to give them a call next week after he returns.

- **Grants – John**

- John reported that he has good news in that he got an email last week that we were approved for the Firehouse Subs grant for the extrication equipment for Rescue #1. He is waiting to hear about an inspection on the sign. Once completed, they will issue a letter of completion and at that time he will have to submit another request for payment for the sign. We have two grants called the Giving Tree Grant. One is out of Hot Springs Village which has a maximum of \$2,500, and one for the Hot Springs area which is for a maximum of \$8,000. We will be applying for both grants. We just need to find out from Harry and Lyn for what equipment we want these grants to provide us funding.

- **Radio Batteries (Harry)**

- Lyn Price said that he picked up the batteries and distributed them. He said that he did have to order some charger bases because a few of them were the knock off bases. Lee asked if we also ordered batteries for the 1000 radios. Lyn said we did and those have been received too.

- **Shipping Containers (Lee)**

- Lee said that he needs to call a guy to about a price. He has not yet called him. Joe said we can go to Memphis and get them for about \$1,600. Lyn asked about the problem of mold build up if we cut holes in them for windows. Lee said whatever we need must meet NFPA regulations in order to be approved and prevent the possible increase of insurance.

- **Pafford Ambulance (John)**

- John said that he has called and left a message for the gentleman whose card he has, but he has not yet received a call from him.

- **Assessment Committee (John)**

- John posted a notice requesting volunteers. He has two people who have committed. He will post another message in a week to 10 days if we have not yet gotten any more volunteers.

- **Open House (John)**

- John said that we will certainly work with the Town of Fountain Lake for their Fall Fair. He said that he still does not feel that will get people to come to our station to visit with our firefighters to get to talk with us and visit our station. John said he is not pushing for us to do an open house, he just wants us to discuss whether we think it will be a good idea or not. We will still work with the Town of Fountain Lake no matter what we decide about an Open House.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Landing Zone Lights (Lyn)**

- Lyn said that we might want to see about getting landing zone lights with one of the grants John mentioned. By having the landing zone lights we can use them here instead of vehicles to set up a landing zone. We can also have another set for Station #2 that can be mobile. Lee asked about landing zone lights that can be use for landing zones and also for traffic control too. John said those are two different types of lights.

- **CPR Dummies (John)**

- We now have two people certified to do CPR training. We have an opportunity to use one of the grants to purchase CPR dummies unless Harry and Lyn know of other equipment we might need instead. The CPR dummies will only cost about \$1,300 and if we have other equipment that might cost more in the area of \$7,000 we might want to use one of the grants for that equipment.

- **Lexipol (John)**

- John said that we are in our second year with our Lexipol contract and they need 60 days notice in order to continue our contract at \$5,000 per year which is the same cost they gave us two years ago. John was asked what kind of job they have done for us and is it in our interest to look to see who else might be available. John said that they wrote the SAFER grant that we received and they also wrote the AFG grant that we are currently awaiting notice for our SCBAs. They conduct monthly telephone calls to find out what we are needing help with as well as providing us with other grants that we might be able to take advantage of which John has presented to the board previously. They will also review grants that we write and give suggestions on wording and this does not cost us anything.

Motion: Joe moved that we renew our contract for two years with Lexipol at a rate of \$5,000 per year.

Second: Lee Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

- **Compressor for Cascade System (Justin Miller)**

- Justin reported that the compressor for our cascade system has run into an issue a few months ago that when he was conducting testing there was water in the system which caused our test to fail. Casco has sent him parts which he changed out and it still failed. Justin said the filter part needs to be hydroed every 10 years. There is no one in the country who can hydro this equipment. Casco gave us a quote to repair the current compressor which is \$8,000 and this compressor will not be able to be used to fill any new SCBAs. There was also a quote presented to replace this compressor with a new compressor which costs \$35,650 with Casco. Joe asked if there is any trade in value. There was no discussion about with Casco about trade in. Three quotes were presented. Other fire departments also use Bauer which is the same brand presented by Casco. Joe asked if they provide any financing. Casco does not provide financing. There was some discussion about SCBAs and bottles that may be needed. Justin was asked if he was satisfied with the Casco

Motion: Joe moved that we approve the purchase of the compressor for our cascade system from Casco in the amount of \$35,650.

Second: Lee Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

Motion: John moved that we approve getting in touch with David Wooldridge at Chambers Bank to obtain the loan for this Compressor and Cascade System.

Second: Joe Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

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

- The firefighters decided on Popeye's chicken with red beans and rice, mashed potatoes and gravy, cole slaw, and biscuits for their meal this month.

- **Comments and Questions:**

- John mentioned to the board that the SAFER grant we got was not only for our signs. It also covers PPE and training expenses. John wants

Harry and Lyn to get any new people measured for turnouts as we can get new PPE for new members who joined the department since we got approved for the SAFER grant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

7:55 pm

Motion to adjourn: John moved that we adjourn

Second: Lee Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

Meeting minutes submitted by:

John Brandt, Secretary/Treasurer