



Fountain Lake Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting May 19, 2025



CALL TO ORDER:

6:00 pm

Rachel Peters (Chair Person) 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, Brady Smith, and Nate Lamb.

PRIOR MONTH MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from the April 21, 2025 meeting were presented by John.

The April minutes were accepted as presented by consensus.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

John presented the P&L, Balance Sheet, and Statement of Cash Flows reports for the month of April 2025 and Year to Date through the month of April 2025 along with a report of Actuals vs Budget through April 2025.

Bank Accounts:

General -	\$46,658.80
Restricted -	\$ 1,669.45
Grant -	\$ 84.00
Chambers -	\$32,267.74

April's Financial report was accepted as presented by consensus.

Training:

Lee reported that they did some SCBA and Search and Rescue training. He said they have Jake has Intro, PPE, and Communications classes scheduled to be done within the next month.

Training report was accepted as presented by Consensus

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Harry reported there were a total of 70 incidents during the month of April: 8 fires, 52 rescue & emergency medical service calls, 3 service calls, 3 hazardous conditions, 3 false alarm, and 1 good intent. 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 highways being closed due to accidents.

Publicity report accepted by consensus.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Harry reported that all apparatus are running good and there are no maintenance issues with any of them.

- Engine 1
 - John reported that he sent in all paperwork required to get the title for this apparatus.
- Engine 2
- Tanker 1
- Tanker 2
- Rescue 1
- Rescue 2

- Brush 2 (Forestry)
 - Harry reported that he just found a door glass. He needs to pick it up and then install it.
- Station 1
 - Driveway Apron (John)

John presented the three bids that were sent in to the board. After much discussion about cost it was decided by the board to not move forward with the French drain and driveway apron work at this time. The board will request bids again in the future.
 - Awnings. (Scott)

Scott Greene told John that he has most of the materials for the awnings. John said that Scott is willing to let us pick up the materials when we are ready for them.
 - Enclose open area under roof

Joe said that he has not yet talked to Alejandro.
- Station 2
 - Joe said that he has not yet been in contact with Alejandro.

Maintenance report is accepted by consensus.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Audit – John
 - John presented the board with the recommended Agreed Upon Procedures as submitted by David Cleveland of the Cleveland Accounting and Consulting Firm along with an engagement letter. After some brief discussion, John moved that the board authorized John to move forward with the Agreed Upon Procedures as presented.

Motion: John moved that the board authorize him to sign the engagement letter from the Cleveland Accounting and Consulting Firm to conduct the Agreed Upon Procedures as presented.

Second: Lee Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

- Grants – John
 - John reported that we waiting to hear from Firehouse Subs about our grant for extrication equipment and we are still waiting to receive our check from FEMA for our SAFER grant.
- Radio Batteries (Harry)

- Lyn Price presented the board with a quote from Motorola for 12 8000 and 20 1000 radio batteries. He said the quote came in for less than what was originally reported the prior month. The total quote was for \$4,353.48 excluding taxes.

Motion: Joe moved that the board authorize Lyn to order the radio batteries for \$4,353.48 but not to exceed \$5,000.

Second: Kenny Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

- **Mower (Harry)**
 - There was discussion about the need for a new mower. Lyn stated that the mower at Station #1 can be trailered to cut Station #2 and as long as we keep up with the grass and don't let it get too high, the grass at Station #1 can be cut within a reasonable time. The board decided that we do not need to spend money on a new mower at this time.
- **Shipping Containers (Lee)**
 - There was discussion about the cost of shipping containers. The cost ranged from about \$1,600 to \$3,000 each depending upon whether we picked them up or had them delivered. There was also discussion about whether we might be able to use the training facilities at the Lake Hamilton Fire Dept or the Hot Springs Village Fire Dept. It was decided to table this for further discussion.
- **Hoses (Harry)**
 - It was discussed that before we look at purchasing hoses, we look into checking with the Hot Springs Fire Dept to see if they have any we can have. Kenny said that he has access to talking to someone at the Hot Springs Fire Dept about hoses.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Automatic Air Eject (Harry)**
 - Harry said that Engine #1 does not have an automatic air eject system and presented the board with an automatic air eject kit for the amount of \$379.95. He said this is a part that will automatically disconnect the air line from the apparatus when the apparatus is started.

Motion: John moved that the board authorize Harry to order the automatic air ejection kit not to exceed \$700 when you add in taxes and shipping.

Second: Lee Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

- **Auto Charger for Dual Batteries (Harry)**

- Harry explained this is fully automatic battery charger for vehicles with dual battery systems and is another device needed for Engine #1.

Motion: Kenny moved that the board authorize Harry to order the auto charger for dual batteries not to exceed \$700 when you add in taxes and shipping.

Second: Joe Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

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

- The firefighters want Smokin' in Style barbecue for their meal this month..

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Comments and Questions:

7:23 pm

Motion to adjourn: John moved that we adjourn

Second: Lee Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

Meeting minutes submitted by:

John Brandt, Secretary/Treasurer