



Fountain Lake Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting June 15, 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
Kenny Kizer
Jason Curtis

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

OTHER ATTENDEES: Interim Chief Lee Coatney, Captain Junior Collins, Medical Captain Cici Collins, Katrina Scott, Johnny Arnold, Harry Baker, Brady Smith, Robert Gregory, Trecia Willis, Steven Burroughs, Nikki Roberts, Lenny Breshears, Krista Breshears, Kason Clark, Jeramie Richardson, Martha Coatney, Smantha Moirano, Austin Sands, Katie Baker, Zach Helfrich, and Lyn Price

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jack Fields stated that we will be going into Executive Session. Lyn Price asked why we are going into executive session. John Brandt said it was to continue our executive session from last week. Kenny Kizer said it was for us to discuss things from last week. Lyn Price then said that the state law says that we can only go into executive session to promote someone or discipline someone. Lyn stated that he has learned more about what this board can do by doing his research and he knows more than ones who have been serving on this board for six years. Joe Turner suggested that we not have an



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executive session and just move on with our meeting. John was asked to call Philip Montgomery. We asked everyone to leave so we can call Philip Montgomeery. We could not get in touch with Philip Montgomery so we decided to just open the meeting and forego having an executive session. Jerry Vaughn talked about executive sessions and he said it needs to be advertised along with the open board meeting. He said we need to state why we are going into executive session. We decided at this time to move on with our regular monthly board meeting.

PRIOR MONTH MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from the May 2026 regular board meeting was presented by John. The May 2026 minutes were accepted as presented by consensus.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

John presented the May Bank Statements, Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet, and Statement of Cash Flow reports for the month of May 2026 along with the year to date reports through May 1 2026. He also presented the Budget versus Actuals though the month of May 2026.

Bank account balances:

General Account:	\$27,651.89
Act 833 Account:	\$ 756.58
Grants Account:	\$40,460.43
Chambers Account:	<u>\$22,367.74</u>
Total	\$91,246.64

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

Training:

Ben Ronje reported that they are having a Garland County Communications class tomorrow night. All other trainings will be done in-house until other certification classes can be scheduled.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Interim Chief Lee Coatney reported they responded to 8 fires, 60 emergency medical rescue calls, 4 hazardous conditions, 5 service calls, 2 false alarms, and 2 Pafford assists for a total of 81 calls for the month of May. He said he is trying to get several of the firefighters together to conduct training at a house on Danville Rd that is scheduled to be demolished. He wants to do that one Saturday in the next week or two..



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Chief's report was accepted as presented by consensus.

PUBLICITY REPORT:

John reported that he published road closures and our meeting for tonight. He has also published some of the pictures from scenes. Lee has sent him some pictures from training that has been done..

Publicity report accepted by consensus.

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

- Engine 1
 - Ryan from Lennox Service Center texted Lee today stating that he had a death in the family and that is why he has not been in touch. He asked if we had it fixed and Lee told him no..
 - 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 good. A while back we had trouble with the fuel but since we put a new batter on the truck there has been no problems.
- Tanker #1
 - Is doing good for now.
- Tanker 2
 - Jason said that the department bought a Predator 2 pump for this truck. The pump is mounted on the side right behind the driver. Jason said that is a trash pump and is illegal to use because it cannot pump enough gallons per minute. It can only pump 383 gallons per minute. It can be used to pump from one truck to another. The pump on the side is supposed to be a life sustaining pump. It cannot be used to fight fire.
- Rescue 1
 - This truck is good.



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- Rescue 2
 - John still has to hear back from the insurance company. John said he could not find the number that he was told is on the driver's side frame. Lyn asked if we considered fixing the damage instead of replacing the unit. Lyn said the damage is more cosmetic. Jason said he will take some time to look at the truck.
- Brush 2 (Forestry)
 - .This truck is doing good.
- 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 he received an email from the accounting firm today and they reported that they had some projects come up and as soon as they can get to our 2024 files they will work on it. He just could not give me a definite time when they will be able to get back to it..
- **Air Conditioner**
 - John reported that the air conditioner has been installed and was turned on this afternoon about 5: 20 pm. John said that Brian told him that he has to come back tomorrow to add more freon to the unit. He removed the old unit..
- **Hydraulic Extrication Equipment (Lee)**



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- Lee spoke with Jason after last month's meeting and we are not going to do anything with this equipment at this time.
- **Raincoats (Lee)**
 - Lee said that he does not know yet how many raincoats we need. Lee was going to get us a list of who needs a raincoat and how much they will cost. It was asked if we had previously gotten them from Atwood's.
- **Pressure Washer (Lee)**
 - Lee said that he waited to do anything about a pressure washer because Jason had indicated that we have one. Jason said he was going to go to Station #2 to meet Lee and look at the old pressure washer.
- **Forestry Brush Truck (Lee)**
 - Lee said he talked to Gene and he said the Brush truck at Jessieville is a good truck. The only reason they are getting rid of it is because they are getting another truck and do not have room for both. Jason asked what happened to our second brush truck that we used to have. The truck is free to us. We will just have to buy a skid for it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Bank Account Signatories (John)**
 - John said that we need to update the signatories on all of our bank accounts. We need to take Rachel and Lee off the accounts and put Jack and Jason on the accounts. He said in order to do it properly he will make several motions.
- **Motion: John Brandt moved that we remove Rachel Peters and Lee Coatney from all three of our BankOZK bank accounts..**
- **Second: Jason Curtis Seconded the motion.**
- **Passed: Unanimously**
- **Motion: John moved that we make Jack Fields, John Brandt, Jason Curtis, Joe Turner, and Kenny Kizer as signatories on all three of our BankOZK bank accounts..**
- **Second: Kenny Kizer Seconded the motion.**
- **Passed: Unanimously**



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- **Passed:** Unanimously
 - John explained that he will take the minutes to each bank and they will contact each of us about coming in to sign the papers.

- **FOIA Report (John)**
 - John reported that this year he has received and responded to 45 FOIA requests. The breakdown is as follows: Khan Nguyen 1, Ed Clark 1, Gabriel Bass (reporter with the Sentinel Record) 1, Traci Hill 1, Tanya Modersitzki (reporter with THV11) 1, Darius Melton 1, Janie Neel 1, Trecia Willis 3, Josh Niblett 4, Lyn Price 6, Harry Baker 9, and Katie Baker 16.

- **Firefighter's meal (John)**
 - The firefighters decided they wanted to have Firehouse Subs. John said he can order the food, but he will not be able to pick it up this month. Johnny Arnold volunteered to pick up the food..

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Katrina Scott – Katrina passed

Lyn Price – Lyn asked if when we became board members if we were given a handbook? John said he was never given any handbook. Lyn said there is a book. Jack Fields stated that as a board member with the water board they are given a packet by Sarah Smith the County Clerk. None of us have ever been given any kind of packet or booklet.

Austin Sands – Austin asked if there is going to be another executive session. John said it will not be tonight. It will have to be at our next meeting as we need to check out some things with our attorney before doing our next executive session.



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Brady Smith – Brady said that we recently had a structure fire on Park Ave. He said the fire chief called it a controlled burn. He said he can hear all channels on his for Galrand and Saline Counties. He heard him say it is a controlled burn and the last he knew a structure fire cannot be a controlled burn. Lee stated that it was not a structure. Lee said that it was a shed. Jason Curtis said that is still an illegal burn. Lee said he knows that but it was all on the ground when we arrived and it was just rubble. Jason said that you can only burn your own natural leaves and limbs from your yard. You cannot even take yard debris from a neighbor's yard and burn it in your yard. That would still constitute an illegal burn.

Jerry Vaughn – Jerry said that the Arkansas State Legislature passed by-laws for Arkansas Volunteer Firefighters. He said it is a 56 page packet. He said that each fire department has their own by-laws and he does not know which ones take precedent. Lyn said he was not talking about the fire department's by-laws. He was talking about by-laws for the board. John Brandt stated that the fire department's by-laws dictate how we conduct business. Anything that is not addressed in our by-laws would then be covered by the state. Jason said he had talked to Judge Mahoney about this question and he was told that the fire department's by-laws take precedent.

Austin Sands – Austin said that when someone joins the fire department they must pass a physical abilities test. He said this must be done within a month of them joining the department. To his knowledge, we have two people who only have a week left to pass the physical abilities test. He is recommending that we have the training officer accompany the chief in conducting the test to make sure the complete test is done. Lee said that he conducted Johnny Arnold's physical abilities test this past Saturday. John Brandt told Austin that his concern is not a board issue. Ben Ronje said that he and William Norris are working on becoming Certified Training Officers and that should happen in the next couple of months. Lee Coatney said that he is a Certified Training Officer and that Jake Landes is an instructor. Jason Curtis asked if we use other departments. Lee said he has a gentleman from the Benton fire department who will be coming in to teach a basic auto extrication class and he has another gentleman who specializes in auto extrication who will teach the advanced course.

6:57 pm

Motion to adjourn: John moved to adjourn

Second: Kenny Seconded

Passed: Unanimously

Meeting minutes submitted by:

John Brandt, Secretary/Treasurer