

ADAMS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

July 8th, 2026

LOCATION: Adams County Fire District Station 1, 399 E. Ann St, Adams

Called to Order: 1806

Roll Call: Springville (Randy) not present

June Minutes: Motion: Patti 2nd: Justin
All approved

Citizen's Input: No one signed up

Chief's Report:

- **Call Log: June 11th, 2026 – July 8th, 2026**
 - **City of Adams: 4**
 - **Town of Easton:**
 - **Town of Strong's Prairie: 4**
 - **Village of Friendship:**
 - **Town of Preston:**
 - **Town of Adams: 1**
 - **Town of Springville: 1**
 - **Mutual Aid: 4**
 - **Total: 14**

See handout for call details. Also emailed to town board members.

Working on standard training. The Division Chief of Training did resign, so we are revamping what that will look like going forward. Morale is still high, still recruiting new members. Did have a great turnout for the 4th of July Parade.

Chief to talk to Tim about a water meter to use here at the station especially for training.

Financial Report: Motion: Craig 2nd: Patti
All approved

Bill did find out that the max length of a loan that can be taken out is 15 years. It changed around Sept of 2025.

Old Business:

- Discussion/Action: Apparatus Replacement Plan:
 - Fire district can manage the payment up to \$700,000, with \$100,000 down payment from Major Equipment line. 15 year loan through OCB is lowest payment but interest accrued is higher due to length of the loan. (See handouts for payment schedules from last month). Looking for approval to move ahead with a maximum dollar amount for actual specs and cost.
 - It should be noted that depending on the financing company or bank we go through which can be decided at a future meeting there are options that allow us to order the truck with no payment due until delivery giving time to pay off 301. 10 year options all come in with annual payments of \$75,000-\$80,000 which can be broke down to monthly payments. 15 year option offered by OCB comes to roughly \$57,000 annually paid in monthly payments.
 - The above is looking at using the current budget. If looking at at 10 year option, may need a 4% increase in the budget. The service life of a truck is around 20 years according to NFPA life expectancy.
 - The townships have not had a chance to discuss, so would like to table this until August meeting of ACFD Board.
- Discussion/Action: Proposed Billing for Services
 - Updates from the townships from last meeting.
 - Being tabled until August due to town boards being unable to meet.

New Business:

- Discussion/Action: Prepaid billing for propane
 - Would like approval to use the prepaid option for propane service at station 2 \$2248.75. Will save money over the course of the year. \$1.799/gal as of 7.8.26 pricing. Guaranteed for 5 days.
 - See if can move to 1400 gallons instead of 1250.
Motion: Craig 2nd: Ernie All approved
- Discussion/Action: FFP (Forest Fire Protection) Grant Approval
 - Seeking approval for spending for 2026 FFP grant. This is a 50/50 grant, all expenses paid by the department up front with reimbursement coming from the DNR.
 - \$12928.80 is the total project cost and if approved, they will reimburse 50%.
 - Focused on PPE and chainsaw safety. Chaps, Safety course, misc tools, hose nozzles.
 - Motion: Craig 2nd: Ernie All Approved
- Discussion/Action: Ice Rescue Boat approval
 - See handout. Would like to purchase one inflatable ice rescue raft. Purchase price is \$3,495. Money to come from line 10 Rescue Equipment.
 - To be used only when ice present and rescue is imminent.
 - Bill would like the ACFD to apply for the Round Up Grant through Adams Columbia.
- Discussion/Action: Water Rescue Suit

- See handout. Would like to order 2 water rescue suits. New suit price is \$1,295 ea. Money to come from line 10 Rescue Equipment. Used for water rescues, not ice rescues.
- Bill would like ACFD to apply for the Round Up Grant through Adams Columbia.
- Discussion/Action: Mobile Radio order (2) 312, 341
 - Trucks 312 and 341 are the last 2 to have their radios replaced. See handout for pricing. Also included is the cable to program the radios in house. \$3,303.88. This was discussed in March during the Chiefs Report but was never formally discussed/approved.
 - Out of Line 6 – Radio Equipment
 - Motion: Craig 2nd : Ernie All approved
- Strong's Prairie would like the 2025 year end report emailed over.

Next Meeting: Currently scheduled 8/13, need to move that to 8/12 @ 18:00

Adjournment: 1845

Bill Motion Craig 2nd