

Minutes

WEST CENTRAL FIRE DISTRICT

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August 13, 2025

11321 Aboite Center Road Fort Wayne IN 46814

6PM (-5 UTC)

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Board Attendees

Chuck Dwyer-Present

Mike Meyers-Present

Lance Dafforn-Present

Chandler Branning-Present

David Guadnola-Present

Additional

Gale Stelzer- Present

Chris Perez- Present

1. **Call to Order / Welcome / Pledge of Allegiance** [00:00.00]
2. **Roll Call** [00:00.27]
 - a. All Present
3. **Review Minutes from 7/7/2025** [00:00.45]
 - a. Motion to approve – Chandler Branning
 - i. Second – Mike Meyer
 - ii. All in favor - Approved.
4. **2026 Budget Adjustments** [00:01.16]
 - a. Chris Perez explains why revisions are proposed and what county council has requested.
 - i. Renovation budget increases for land acquisition and additional personnel for Base 80 to be fully staffed.
 - b. David Guadnola explains to the public why this meeting was called so quickly to adjust.
 - c. Lance Dafforn is for the full option of \$150k Construction increase and \$400k increase for 6th Base 80 person.
 - i. David Guadnola makes a motion for the \$150k construction increase and the \$400k increase for Base 80 fully staffed.
 - ii. Second – Chuck Dwyer
 - iii. All in favor – Approved.
5. **New Business** [00:11.01]
 - a. Chief Stelzer Recaps engine purchase regarding Aboite Township Council Meeting.
 - b. Interlocal Agreement is moving forward; Chief should have the agreement this week.
 - c. Collective Bargaining Agreement is still being worked on.
 - i. Countywide agreement with small variations/addendums by district.
 - d. Merit Board Document has been delivered but not reviewed.
 - e. Arcola Fire Department Base 80 purchase inquiry
 - i. Lance Dafforn attended a meeting at the AVFA to ask about the asking price for the building and equipment.
 1. Asking price is \$475k for everything except for Air Compressor
 - a. Asking price is lower than both appraisals.
 2. Caveat is AVFA wants first right of refusal if building is ever sold.
 3. Lance asks for a motion to have the attorneys write up an initial purchase agreement and proceed with negotiations to engage AVFA. This is not a motion to purchase, but to move forward in the steps.
 - a. Chuck Dwyer asks about counter offers.
 - b. Later into the meeting, [00:30.45] Chuck does suggest that any payment be split in two for base 80 purchase to prevent our budget from encountering an overage.
 4. Lance Dafforn makes a motion to consult attorney to produce a purchase agreement to take to AVFA and return to the WCFD board for discussion [00:20.53]
 - a. Dave Guadnola – Second

- b. All in favor – Approved.
 - ii. Discussion does continue with planning but does not change the outcome of the vote or budget.
- 6. **Old Business** **[00:33.33]**
 - a. Waiting on point structure to be laid out in writing for volunteers
- 7. **Public Comment** **[00:35.00]**
 - a. Tim Knitter – asks about command vehicles.
 - i. Who is authorized to use them?
 - ii. What is the rule about parking them at residential locations?
 - iii. There is a concern about vehicles parked “nose in” in a garage with other vehicles blocking command vehicle in.
 - 1. Lance Dafforn wants administration to follow up on this concern.
- 8. **Public Thank You by the Board President for Medical Response** **[00:39.30]**
 - a. Chief Stelzer shares medical success story.
- 9. **Motion To Adjourn** **[00:41.26]**
 - a. Made by David Guadnola
 - b. Second – Lance Dafforn
 - c. Meeting Adjourned