

DUNNEGAN RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOARD MINUTES
August 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm with prayer.

Board Members present: James Behan, Matt Simmons, Nick Petri, Dan Stoltzfus, Samuel Stoltzfus

Board Members absent/excused: Nathan Stoltzfus, Nickol Grover

Other department members present: Chris McIntyre, Dakota Newman, Ryan Dickover.

Minutes from last meeting were provided. Matt Simmons moved minutes be approved as published, seconded by Sam Stoltzfus. **Motion Approved.**

Treasurer's report: Nick Petri presented the income and expenses for the month ending July 2023.

Opening Balance:	\$17,929.16
Income:	1,619.24
Expenses:	(7,516.75)
Closing Balance:	\$12,041.65
Financial Summary:	
Checking:	\$12,041.65
Money Market	13,847.99
CD	5,322.78
Petty Cash	63.37
Total	\$31,275.79

Dan Stoltzfus moved Treasurer's report be approved as presented, seconded by Matt Simmons. **Motion Approved.**

Chief's Report: Ryan Dickover reported the activities for the month. Four Fire Fighters completed Fire Fighter 1 and 2 (Derek, Jordan, Mitchell, Curtis) There have been over 200 calls year-to-date. Nick Petri has ordered the Drip Torches and they should be here by weeks end. The order for Wildland gear is being prepared in order to fulfill the MFA grant requirements. The 4" fittings for the donated hose are being ordered. Most of the hose testing has been completed. LT. Dakota Newman has the beef raffle flyer for review and a firm date for the raffle has to be determined. Looking at a chili fundraiser for October and during the beef raffle at that time. Vehicle maintenance is up to date, only need to get the battery in Engine 63. Nick Petri moved, seconded by Sam Stoltzfus, Fire Chiefs report be accepted. **Motion Approved.** The Chief's full report is attached to these minutes.

Old Business:

By-Laws. Discussion began with the need to define what a member is, Article IV. It was agreed that a Active Membership is a person who has paid the current dues. The wording for "sign-up fee" should be changed to "Administrative fee". There was extended discussion about the implementation of the changed annual meeting and the method of electing Board Officers. The changes to the By-Laws is a work-in-progress. More to come

Committees: No report

Training: Work in progress, no report.

Cedar County Boundaries: Dakota Newman presented a copy of what the Cedar County portion of Dunnegan's Rural Fire Department has unofficially been for some time. Jim Behan showed the work he had been doing in writing a description from the Cedar County Plot book for the area concerned. There is some refinement required and work will continue on this project.

New Business:

Dues and Auto Pay: No report.

Property and Building Maintenance: Stone is required on the North side of the building in order to set the building from Fair Play, Dan Stoltzfus will look into getting this done. **Annual Meeting:** It was decided to leave the 2024 annual meeting for February and announce at that meeting the change of the meeting to October. Sam Stoltzfus moved the annual newsletter and dues invoice be mailed by October 14, 2023, seconded by Matt Simmons. After some discussion the vote was taken four(4) in favor one(1) against. **Motion Approved.**

2024 Budget. The President and the Treasurer will work on this and present a proposed budget at the September meeting.

2023 Tax Return: The Department will have to file a different return for 2023 which requires a complete list of equipment, property and value. It was suggested that we contact a Real Estate person to determine the real estate values.

Other Business: The question why are we not taxed based was asked. After some discussion and clarification it was decided that more information was needed and no action was taken at this time.

On motion to adjourn the meeting was closed with prayer at 9:03pm.