

DUNNEGAN RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOARD MINUTES
November 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:01m with prayer.

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

Board Members absent/excused: Nathan Stoltzfus.

Other department members present: Chris McIntyre, Ben Esh, Derek Lankford (Chief), Al Connell, Ryan Dickover, Steven Bruce.

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

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

Opening Balance:	\$10,115.29
Income:	8,143.50
Expenses:	(7,848.59)
Closing Balance:	\$10,410.20
Financial Summary:	
Checking:	\$10,410.20
Money Market	8,250.55
CD	5,322.78
Petty Cash	206.02
Total	\$24,189.55

Michael Stoltzfus moved Treasurer's report be approved as presented, seconded by Samuel Stoltzfus. **Motion Approved.** Nick Petri stated the WEX bill was \$179.04. The Chili supper netted \$214.27 and the Beef Raffle netted \$927.00.

Chief's Report: Chief Lankford reported call volume is down. Emphasis on training has been busy this month. It was noted there were some areas that needed to be worked on. Truck checks are vital in keeping equipment ready to go. Additional help would be greatly appreciated. During the month firefighter staff was evaluated against the requirements list and two firefighters were released. The Chief is working on personnel agreements for Firefighters, Officers and himself. The Chief stated that we are one of the best departments in the county and his goal is to be the best. The Chief stated he had been nominated and elected as President of the Polk County Fire Training Association, this will require one meeting per month. Congratulation Chief. The pump repair for E61 will be completed in the next day or two. The Chief's full report is attached to these minutes. Matt Simmons moved Chief's report be approved, seconded by Michael Stoltzfus.

Old Business:

By-Laws. Article IV of the by-laws was reviewed and changes and updates will be included. It was decided that one of the examples in section IV be corrected and in Section three the wording be changed to "Maybe billed by Fire Recovery according to state statute. Articles V, VI, VII will be reviewed at the December meeting.

Committees: Nominating Committee reported that the board needs to state what positions will be voted for at the annual meeting and a list of requirements be provided. After some discussion it was recommended the By-Laws be changed to show which positions will be voted on from year to year.

Training: Work in progress, no report.

Cedar County Boundaries: The Cedar County Commissioners approved the Eastern Cedar County boundaries as submitted at their October 16th meeting. There may be some additional requirements, the board will advise when they find out. The next step would be to secure agreements with the City Of Stockton, Capplinger Mills Fire Department and Dadeville fire Department. Chief Lankford will provide an example for Auto Agreement form.

New Business:

Dues and Auto Pay: Nick Petri reported dues were coming in at a nice rate. Square and Bank of Missouri Simple Swipe offerings were reviewed. It was moved and approved to accept the Bank of Missouri program and Nick Petri was asked to set that up.

Property and Building Maintenance: No report.

Annual Meeting: No report

2023 Tax Return: Chris McIntyre provided the updated vehicle equipment list. We still need the property valuated.

Other Business: Mr. Steve Bruce of the City of Fair Play council asked the DRFD if we would consider providing fire services to the City. After some discussion it was agreed to provide services and use the May 2023 proposal as a guideline for a new agreement, which includes an annual rate of \$10,000 per year for three years and other conditions as noted in the contract, copy attached.

On motion to adjourn, the meeting was closed with prayer at 9:06pm.