

Regular Meeting
8/19/25

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Kallas at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Members Present: President George Kallas, Treasurer Luke Allen, Trustee Randy Simpson and Trustee Robb Hannen. Absent: Secretary Phillip Saas.

Also Present: Chief Steven Evans, DC Timothy Roman, Admin. Assistant Robin Youngberg, Attorney Joe Miller, and James Howard from Gov Accounting, LLC (via Zoom).

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of 7/15/25 and Closed Session 7/15/25 were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. There being no changes, Trustee Simpson made a motion to approve both sets of minutes, seconded by Trustee Allen. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: John Falduto from Sawyer-Falduto reviewed their Monthly Report, which showed a 7/31/25 ending market value of \$320.00 for the Bond Proceeds account, an ending market value of \$859,491.00 for the Capital & Equipment account, an ending market value of \$1,623,544 for the Construction Fund and \$3,357,258 for the Operating Reserve. In addition, James Howard reviewed his report as well. The Treasurer's Report for 7/31/25 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. As of 7/31/25, the beginning balance in the checking account, general money market account and Schwab Operating Reserve Fund was \$4,275,536.73. After deposits of \$1,679,90.25 and disbursements of \$540,361.640, the ending balance for those accounts was \$5,415,165.58. The combined balance of the Schwab Construction Fund, the Schwab Equipment Fund and the Schwab Bond Fund was \$2,483,356.04. Trustee Simpson made a motion to approve all reports as presented, seconded by Trustee Hannen. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Chief's Report: Chief Evans gave a brief overview of the Alliance training for the month, and he highlighted some recent emergency responses since last month. In addition, he acknowledged service anniversaries to include FF/PM Seth Lamb with 11 years, FF/PM Jake Armstrong with 7 years.

Chief Evans next gave an update on the Fleet and stated that the new radios are coming soon, and the IGA with the ETSB is under New Business on the Agenda. He spoke on the status of the full-time testing process with the Board of Fire Commissioners, stating that the four new candidates are currently in processing with a start date of 9/8/25. The Lieutenant's Testing process is underway, with a prospective start date of 9/30/25, which will include an orientation session for interested members.

Chief Evans stated that the punch list repairs almost complete, and he has been receiving quotes for maintenance for various systems, including the generator and HVAC systems. He then stated that the final move day for large equipment from the old station was July 18th, and dumpsters are being delivered to the inside of the old station on 8/26 for final clean-out.

Chief Evans then spoke about the District's status with IRMA, stating that there is the expectation the District's coverage will be terminated by the end of the year.

Chief Evans and Trustee Allen met with a resident across the street from the new station, who had some concerns about the siren noise when the vehicles are responding out of the station. Chief and Trustee Allen are gathering data to potentially address those concerns. The Winfield Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new station, and Chief Evans thanked all who attended.

The Open House/Trolley is scheduled to take place on the Saturday of Good Old Days, from 10-5 p.m., and the District will attend the District 34 ice cream social on Friday.

Chief Evans then told the Board that the administrative staff will begin working on updating the Strategic Plan for the District.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Miller stated that the Governor signed a few bills recently, including one that allows Districts to charge facilities for lift assist requests, which he will provide the District with an Ordinance on that subject. Another bill was signed allowing ambulance billing to be considered "in network," which will allow for additional revenue. Since the midterms are in November of 2026, GEMT will still be viable through the beginning of 2027.

Old Business: None.

Consent Agenda: The Run Report for July and 2 thank you letters were received by the Board. After discussion, Trustee Allen made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor.

New Business: With regard to the old fire station, Attorney Miller stated that the Board only needs to declare the old station contents surplus by making a list of those items that are not necessary to move to the new station, and the District can divest of those items in whatever fashion it deems appropriate. If items are sold or given to individuals, a hold harmless agreement must be signed at that time. After discussion, Trustee Allen made the motion to authorize Chief Evans to make those surplus decision, seconded by Trustee Simpson. All in favor. Attorney Miller will provide a Building Sale Resolution for the next meeting in September.

An IGA with the ETSB was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting pertaining to the new radios being provided by the ETSB. After discussion, Attorney Miller requested that the IGA not be signed at this time and recommended tabling the topic until the September meeting, to which the Board agreed.

Chief Evans provided the Board with several HVAC maintenance agreement proposals, explaining his understanding of the requirements for the HVAC systems. If something malfunctions, the District would need to contact the original company that provided the equipment, as it would be under warranty. However, in the meantime, those systems still need to be maintained quarterly. Due to the volume of information within those HVAC agreements, President Kallas recommended holding off on signing an agreement, but rather have someone come out to perform the maintenance outside of an agreement to assess how they perform before entering into a contract with anyone. The Board agreed with that suggestion.

Payment of Bills: The monthly bill list for August was provided to the Board prior to the meeting indicating a total of \$231,506.33. Trustee Simpson made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Hannen. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Other Business: None

Trustee Allen made a motion to adjourn into Closed Session at 8:36 p.m. to discuss possible land acquisition, seconded by Trustee Hannen. All in favor.

(Closed Session)

The Regular meeting was reconvened and called to order by President Kallas at 8:40.

Members Present: President George Kallas, Treasurer Luke Allen, Trustee Randy Simpson and Trustee Robb Hannen. Absent: Secretary Phillip Saas,

Also Present: Chief Steven Evans, DC Timothy Roman, Administrative Assistant Robin Youngberg, and Attorney Joe Miller.

There being nothing further for discussion in Open Session, Trustee Hannen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Allen. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

George Kallas, President

Robin K. Youngberg, Recording Secretary