

Wood River Fire/Rescue  
Minutes of Meeting  
March 17, 2023

Attendance: Todd, Urby, Nikki, Chris, Nick E., Amy, Matt M., Nick L.,  
Judy, Jenie, Nate, Josh, Matt T-Mm 'Chad, John, Layce

Meeting brought to order by President Jenie Maloney at 8:03 p.m.

Attendance taken

Minutes of previous meeting presented for approval. Motion by Nate with  
second by Layce to approve minutes as presented.  
Motion carried.

Fire Treasure Report:

Bills submitted for payment.  
Motion by Nate with second by Chris to pay bills submitted.  
Motion carried.

Ambulance Treasure Report

Bills submitted for payment.  
Motion by Nate with second by Nick L to pay bills submitted,  
Motion carried.

Presidents Report:

Jenie thanked the firefighters that have been going out to various  
counties fighting large grass fires and then coming back to respond to your  
own district fires.  
April 26 will be clean-up day. High School coming out to help in the community.  
Jenie noted the Governor's Statewide Ban on Burning.

Chief Report:

Discussed our call to Ethanol Plant with the department.

Nate also thanked our 3 firefighters that worked the statewide grass fires.  
Reminded everyone that ag members will be really busy so if we need help  
call for Mutual Aid.  
Mutual Aid Meeting will be Wednesday.

Rescue Captain:

Nick L. noted we took in \$ 1,426.24

Nick applied for National Recruitment Seminar, was accepted and will go to Oklahoma for the class.

Nick L., Layce, Nick E & Josh went to the high school to present the Cadet Program. Mr Zessin inquired about EMT class being taught. Will have to look into those classes as students need to be 18 years old.

Nick Lammers is in charge of the First Aid Station at the State Fair. Needs volunteers so get with Nick if interested.

Safety Officer Report:

Fire Safety paramount.

Chaplain Report:

Matt Troyer-Miller resigned from the department to pursue other business opportunities.

Matt thanked the department for their support for the last 12 years, and we thanked Matt as well.

Fire Training:

Fire School second weekend in May. Need to get signed up if interested in attending.

Thank you to everyone that came to the training burn.

EMS Training:

Nate, Josh, & Nick L finished NIMS 300 class.

Website has changed, can call or sign in with social security number.

Meeting adjourned early due to structure fire.

Adjourned at 8:38.

Judy Knecht

Secretary

9:23 Brought meeting back to order after fire call.

Todd talked about the wildfires he was on with Nick E and Nelson. The Waconda Fire (Union Ne) they were given \$1,848 plus fuel. The Broken Bow fire brought in \$2,945. The total of \$4,793 for both calls.

The department needs to get Nick E and Nelson true wildland gear if they are to continue going to these fires.

Nate made a motion to spend ½ the money brought in on equipment and gear needed. Also to pay Nelson \$150 a day for when he goes on these fires because he uses vacation time to attend the wildfires. Nick L 2nd

At the mutual aid meeting we may be asking for each department to donate money for an ATV. They are helpful for wildfires.

Todd is doing research on High Viz cameras and would like us to consider purchasing one in the future. Approx \$2500

Nate made a motion to put the Samsara camera on Unit 41 and 22. It costs \$33 a month for each unit. Matt seconded it.

Nate is looking into the digital radios for trunkable radios for 99-1 and Unit 41. Eventually this will be the radios used. Grants were discussed.

Nick E suggested using Pulsepoint app to get the information on fire calls needed to fill out reports for the Nebraska Forestry.

Urby is going to have August training at his place this summer. Date TBD

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 by Nate, Chad 2<sup>nd</sup>

John can be added to attendance.