

## **Wood River Fire/Rescue Department**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**January 17, 2025**

Meeting called to order by President Jenifer Maloney at 8:00 pm.

Roll call taken.

Attendance: Nikki, Layce, Jenie, Nate, Josh F., Nick E., Josh G., Jesse, Dakota, Dan, Todd, Judy, Nick L., Lindsey, Amy, and Chris (Sparky)

- Absences excused related to weather

Minutes discussed. No additions or further corrections. Motion made by Nate to approve minutes. Second by Nick E. Motion carried.

#### **Fire Department Treasurer's Report:**

- Bills discussed. Motion by Nate to pay bills. Second by Nikki. Motion carried.

#### **President's Report:**

- Second reading of amendment to Cadet membership eligibility. Motion by Lindsey to approve amendment. Second by Nick L. Motion carried.
- Presentation of award to Nick Lammers for 45 years of dedicated service to the Wood River Fire & Rescue Department.

#### **Fire Chief's Report:**

- Chief's citation presented to Judy Knecht for her willingness to go above and beyond for the community of Wood River and her assistance with any prehospital care education provided by this department.
- Discussion about Wednesday Intro to Fire Fighting and benefits of taking this class.
- Necessity to move forward with applying for grants to benefit both the fire and EMS sides.
- Discussed electrical issues within department
- Purchase of used F-550 from US Forest Service after discussion by truck committee.
- Talked about the need to replace Unit 40 within three years of taking possession of the new rescue truck.
- Radio meeting coming up. Buffalo County will use Hall County Fire when responding to mutual aide in Hall County fire districts
- Please utilize the purchased online fire/rescue training. There is a lot of education, both for fire and EMS.

- Discussed need to purchase new floor mats for Unit 22. Motion by Nate to approve purchase. Second by Nick E. Motion carried.

#### **Fire Training:**

- TIMS training March 3, 2025. Encouraged members to attend all training courses, if possible.

#### **Rescue Captain's Report:**

- Discussed recent payments received by ambulance for services rendered.
- NEMSA conf. March 7-9, 2025, in Kearney
- Will be covering calls for Cairo QRT during NEMSA conf.
- Still having issues with Medicare billing.
- Discussed purchase of Mega Mover

#### **Ambulance Treasurer's Report:**

- Discussion of Ambulance bills. Motion by Nate to pay the bills. Second by Todd. Motion carried.

#### **Safety Officer's Report (read by Jenie):**

- Discussed safety in inclement weather and different scenarios that may be experienced.
- Increased risk of carbon monoxide exposure related to improper use of several types of heaters.
- Increased risk of structure fires due to improper heating units and chimney fires.
- Dangers of ceramic heaters and increased risk of fire.

#### **EMS Training:**

- Discussed new "smart mannequin" purchased with funds donated by an anonymous donor.

#### **Task Force:**

- Meeting coming up. May bring in First Net. Will be held same time as radio meeting.

**Pancake Feed will be held from 8a-12p on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, here at the station.**

**--No old business to discuss.**

#### **--New Business:**

- Nate will sustain from voting on fire department issues.
- New applicant, Peyton Classen, introduced. Motion by Nate to accept as probationary member. Todd second. Motion carried. Will reevaluate status in two months, at April's business meeting.

