

Wood River Rural Fire and Rescue Department

April 20th, 2025

Time: 2000-UTC

Attendees:

Nate M – Fire Chief	Judd (Justin) – Prob. Member	Josh F. – Fire Treasurer/ Captain/ Trustee
Nick L. – Rescue Captain	Nick E. – 2 nd Assistant Chief	Lindsey N. – Secretary/Trustee
Layce M – Amb. Treasurer/ LT	Judy K -	
Brian U. – Safety Officer	Josh G. – Trustee	Todd K. – 1 st Assistant Chief/ President
Abe Rojas- guest	Don P. – Chaplin	
Karen Rojas - guest		

Excused: Adam W, John Harders, Matt M., Preston K.

Note: The Fire Chief abstains from voting on all motions unless required for a tie breaker.

#	Topic - Presenter	Notes
1	Open meeting and Approval of Dec 2025 Meeting Minutes	Opening for Pledge of Allegiance Motion to accept prior Meeting Minutes 1 st - Layce, 2 nd – Brian Motion carries
2	Fire Treasure Report Josh Follmer	Overview current financials and expenses Account Balances Checking account \$ 10,002.41 Savings \$40,237.21 Pickle \$13,303.91 Grant - \$2000 received from Southern Power District Bills Clipper - \$90 Judy K. – \$36.38 Meal reimbursement Todd – \$1381.18 Misc Food/Equipment for 42 20, 41 trcuks Lammers – \$190.74 City – \$1195.91 for booster and radio Follmer – \$20.07 for food Leixpol - \$67.41 Gartner - \$55.04 fuel reimbursement Motion to pay bills 1 st Layce, 2- Todd to pay bills Motion carries
3	Ambulance Treasure report-	Overview current financials and expenses Checking \$2170.92

	Layce Mayhew	<p>Savings \$7669.64</p> <p>Bills Jenie – 125 eNarris Nick L - \$250 eNarris</p> <p>Income CPR – Billing reimbursement \$1389.35</p> <p>Motion to pay bills 1st –Josh G U 2nd – Jenie Motion carries</p>
4	President Report Tood K.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caution on burn permits - Outstanding grants, awaiting disposition - NE State Volunteer association was submitted for reimbursement for replacements of consumables and hoses/couples. Requested \$3800 - Pending CPI and Tall Grass grant <p>Cairo and Hall County still unclear on placement of the new radio tower. John asked if he can place a new tower on our property; tower cost and removal for old tower would be paid for by Hall county. WRFD would be responsible for monthly internet fee. Jon Roseland getting quotes on internet. Benefits is if we agree to tower can increase our WRFD radio range. May also help city in possibility getting additional WiFi options but uncertain at this time. Talks ongoing with Hall County.</p> <p>All individuals without the Salmadar card; please submit photo Todd K.</p> <p>Overhead garage doors can be linked with a WiFi system operated by an app on your phone.</p> <p>Step adaptors for irrigation wells are on unit 40.</p> <p>Scanners install pending on units 99, 120, and 32. They are installed on 22 and 41. 22/41 also got a boost which is made a good difference.</p> <p>\$7000 expected back from NEMA on Cottonwood and other wildfire. Taling with someone from VA hospital about getting ITAC</p>

		and ATAC step up. For grass fires, good idea to go to VTAC 11 in addition to county fire going. We should look at getting a VTAC for unit 40 as well.
f	Fire Chief Report – Nate Mayhew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When also going to city dump for fires, should get off county fire main and go county fire 2. - Will not be able to talk channel to channel with Adams county since they went with another company system. We cannot interop with them due to this change. Discussions will be ongoing on a plan; Adams will add WR frequencies into their radios. - Anyone that needs tag for helmets; get names to Todd so can get tags on order - Fire school coming up; sign up if not already signed up.
6	2 nd Assistant Fire Chief Report / Mutual Aid –Todd K.	<p>Nick Lammers on committee for medical trailer</p> <p>UTC fixes completed Unit 41 tires rotated and lights installed/connected Foam system repaired 4 new consoles installed and at City Hall</p> <p>Tentative go live date of July 2nd for new State wide radio system for Hall county fire and PD.</p> <p>June 8-12th: training for new radio systems</p> <p>Hoping to get our current radio reprogrammed prior to state go-live.</p>
	Safety Officer – Brian Urbom	Planting is occurring right now and its so dry that the county roads have lots of dust in the air. Visibility is low and farmers are popping in and out of fields; be cautious in our vehicles and the emergency vehicles on country roads.
	Chapin – Don P.	Galatians 6:1-2 reading and prayer
7	Rescue Captain – Nick Lammers	Slide for moving patients from cots to bed demo available now in ambulance bay

		<p>July 23-24th Fire camp for preschoolers. Need volunteers. (Thur/Frid)</p> <p>Maddie passed her local EMT exam and is moving into town soon. She is sitting for National registry soon</p> <p>Advanced EMT – in Grand Island (August 17-Dec 11th, Tuesdays 6-10pm through CCC) 40 hours of class plus 180 hours of clinical, including ride time and ER time.</p> <p>Reminder that Wood River Department finances cover both ambulance and fire funds.</p> <p>The Stoven grants are lower this year. We put in for \$16k; suggested they can provide \$8k grant if we can find the other \$8k. Discussion had about if we have the funds to match. We may consider putting in for a larger grant ask elsewhere to help with matching funds needed.</p> <p>Ensure you are reporting hours to Nick L at the end of the month.</p>
8	Fire training – Adam W. (presented by Nick. E.)	<p>Incomplete and late Fire 1 rescue assignments</p> <p>Thanks to those who brought handhelds to the training radio. If you still need a radio, let someone know</p>
	EMS training	Advanced EMT training interest, let Nick L know August
9	Fire Prevention – Jenie Maloney	<p>Burn permits, in doubt call a someone to confirm if able to issue</p> <p>Forestry grant is open, may apply again</p>
10	Committee Report	<p>Pancake feed total to date just under \$21,000</p> <p>Grants: Firehouse sub grant is closed Union Pacific grant is open</p>
11	Old Business	
12	New Business	<p>Ticket to win (CHI fundraiser)</p> <p>Motion to purchase one as a department for \$100</p> <p>1st- Nick E., 2nd – Jenie</p> <p>Motion carries</p>

		<p>Email server and webpage \$10 per email box; need 4 email boxes for a total of \$40 per month. Website is \$175. Total cost annually is \$675. Motion to pay annual fee for email and websites 1st- Brian, 2nd – Nick L Motion Carries</p> <p>Awards Firefighter of the Year – Josh Follmer. Congratulations to Josh!!! Awards - Amy for 5 years, Judy K. for 15 year, Matt M. for 40 years.</p> <p>Nozzles Nozzles needed for upgrades and install for multiple units.</p> <p>Room request May 17th for graduation for Becky King</p> <p>New guests Judd H. – accepted for probationary membership last month. Karen R. – interested in joining department. LPN for 35+ years. Abe R. – previous firefighting experience and bilingual, interested in joining</p>
13	Meeting adjourns	<p>Motion to Adjourn at 21:04 - 1st – Jenie, 2nd – Layce Motion Carries</p>
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