

**Moose Lake Area Fire Protection District
600 Hwy 73
Moose Lake, Minnesota 55767
Official Minutes for the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

Fire District Board Members present: Steve Aldrin, Guyal Nelson, Jon Lund, and Walt Lower III. Jeff Kirk was absent.

Firefighters present: Chief Jim Michalski, Assistant Chief Corey Hibke, Second Lieutenant Joyce Hibke, Chad Davidson.

Others present: Tony Bakhtiari, Windemere Township, Kimberly Wesley, Substitute Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Aldrin at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: Nelson motioned and Lower seconded for approval of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Nelson motioned and Lower seconded for approval of the April and Joint Special Meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Nelson reviewed the Treasurer's Report and Check Detail. Lower motioned and Lund seconded for approval of the report. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **By-laws** – Aldrin indicated a signed copy of the current by-laws was found. Lund and Aldrin agreed to meet and discuss new by-laws.
- **Services in Kind** – No letter defining a \$7,000 per year payment or services in kind from the City of Moose Lake has been found. Nelson asked Lower for help finding a copy of such an agreement.

New Business:

- **Audit:** Nelson reported that the 2023 Yearly Audit will be done by the next meeting. The firm doing the audit is out of Fergus Falls.
- **Insurance Waiver:** This is a yearly requirement of the League of Minnesota Cities. The decision was made to Not Waive the statutory tort limits for liability coverage. Nelson motioned and Lower seconded for approval of the decision. The motion passed unanimously. Aldrin signed the waiver form.
- **Future Agreement with City:** Nelson expressed the hope that city members would be in attendance as planned. Lower indicated something came up that prevented them from attending. Nelson shared the interest in getting everything discussed. The bond payments for the MLAFPD end in 2027, while the bond ends in 2029. The two years in between need to be negotiated. The MLAFD will begin storing meeting minutes digitally. Copies will be kept in a safety deposit box. Further discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Bahtkari wanted to thank the Moose Lake Fire Department for their efforts at the Celebration of Life held for firefighter Robert Hoffmann. Nelson expressed how proud they are of the firefighters.

Chief Report: Michalski reported there is new state legislation introduced to support the Fire/Ambulance districts in the state in the amount of \$10 million. Its purpose is to give local government aide. The communities of Moose Lake, Floodwood and Cloquet were specifically mentioned.

Firefighter Reports: C. Hibke shared that Chris Good had been interviewed. The recommendation is to hire him, pending the passing of the required physical examination. Nelson motioned and Lund seconded the motion to hire him. The motion was approved unanimously.

Run Report: J. Hibke reviewed the Run Report for April, 2024, detailing the 26 calls responded to.

Relief Association: Davidson indicated fundraising continues. Nelson asked that the city be thanked again for the funds received to provide trainings to the community. The supplies are being ordered and the trainings will happen soon.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Nelson motioned to adjourn, Lower seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Wesley, Substitute Recording Secretary.


