

Moose Lake Area Fire Protection District
600 Hwy 73
Moose Lake Minnesota 55767
Official Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Fire District
6:30pm Tuesday, April 8, 2025 Fire Hall Conference Room

The meeting opened by Chair Steve Aldrin at 6:30 pm. Fire District Board Members present were Steve Aldrin, Guyal Nelson, Walt Lower, Jon Lund and Jeff Kirk. Others in attendance were Fire Chief Joyce Hibke, Assistant Chief Corey Hibke, Captain Mike Chambers, Second Lieutenant Steve Trenhaile, Secretary Jim Michalski, Relief Association Chad Davidson and Fire District Secretary Cathleen Troskey.

Agenda: A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Lower to approve the Amended Agenda adding Responding to Calls to New Business.
The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: A motion by Lower and seconded by Kirk to approve the March Board Meeting minutes.
The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Nelson reviewed the Treasurer's Report and Check Register. A Motion was made by Lower and seconded by Lund to approve the Treasurer's Report and Check Register.
The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Services in Kind:** A small committee needs to meet with the City. Kirk and Aldrin will be on the committee. Lower will schedule a date and time to meet with the City Administrator about the Services in Kind.
- **Power Meter:** Aldrin believes it would be wise to get a separate meter for the law enforcement side of building. Kirk said if the district is paying 30% of power for the law enforcement side he would like an agreement worked out on the power bill. Nelson will get Aldrin a copy of lease agreement. Lower said this will be included to be discussed in the Services in Kind meeting. Aldrin spoke that he feels there is a lot more to what the city gets out of the fire district from what the city wants to admit. Lower stated those are not in-kind services. Aldrin asked what services are they. Aldrin said city is getting roughly 45-50% of calls. Moose Lake Township pays more than half of the levy. Aldrin asked if it's fair. Lower said that is the way the District is set up and it is not an in-kind service. Lower stated there are other things they are wondering about and all of this will be discussed at the meeting. Lund would like to know cost to put in a second meter and Nelson said \$3,500. Kirk would like an Agenda made up for the meeting. Nelson believes both sides can write down what they want to talk about.

New Business:

- **Legal Advice:** Nelson would like to contact the attorney to get information on when the Contract ends with the City, if it is 2027 or 2029. Kirk believes this should be done. A motion was made by Nelson to seek legal advice on the matter and seconded by Kirk. The motion pass unanimously.
- **New Truck:** Discussion was held about ordering the new truck and Nelson said they will have to go through USDA Rural Development for new truck loan. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Kirk to sign the Contract and pay the \$80,000 down payment for the new truck and work on getting truck loan. The motion passed unanimously.

Responding to Calls: Discussion was held about fire fighters driving too fast to the fire hall. Hibke says this has been brought up at their monthly meetings. Davidson believes a letter should be drafted for their next meeting signed by the board. Aldrin and Nelson will draft a letter for fire fighters and bring it to the next meeting in person.

Township Information:

- **Windemere Township** – No report.
- **Silver Township** – No report.

Department Report:

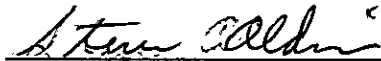
- **Chief** – No report.
- **Assistant Chief** – No report.
- **Captain** - Chambers reporting there are two trainings, live fire with water and extinguishers and basement simulator fire, coming up. Last month worked on air consumption drills and how to properly use the cascade system.
- **First Lieutenant** – Trenhaile reported the cascade system is 27 years old and works fine at this time, but want everyone to be prepared that it may not pass or will fail in near future. To rebuild or buy new would cost \$30,000-\$50,000. Nelson asked about DNR grants. Trenhaile talked about the UEI number that is needed for grants. Need to work on getting this number. Nelson thinks Crystelle Philipp, CPA may be able to help on this. Nelson and Trenhaile will work together on this. Trenhaile also spoke about applying for the Essentia Grant and MN Energy Grant.
- **Second Lieutenant** – No report.
- **Secretary** – Michalski read run report.
- **Relief Association** – Gun raffle tickets have been printed and need to be picked up.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Lower to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Board Chair
Steve Aldrin



Clerk
Guyal Nelson