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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Called to order on Thursday, September 10, 2026 AT 6:00 pm by Trustee Steele

Central Fire Station - 7800 W. Plank Rd. - Training Room - Peoria, Illinois 61604

CALL TO ORDER
MOMENT OF SILENCE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. ROLL CALL BY BOARD SECRETARY

Trustee Campen - Present, Trustee Steele - Present, Trustee Graves - Present, Trustee Noe - Present, Trustee Hoffman - Present. 5 of 5 Trustees Present. Also in attendance was Chief Hoerr, Darlene Gramm-Bray, Alan Rush, Mike Baietto, Cindy Parks, James Getz, Del Rickena, A Hoerr, K Noe, Cliff Quine, Debbie McCool, Rick McCool, Kevin Stafford, Debbie Stafford, Tera Taylor, Alex Stauthammer, Will Kemper, Jeff Braun, Pat Carroll, Darlene Carroll, Christina Brown, Fred Bazhenow, John Worley, Larry Gilmore, Kaden Scapecchi, Brandon Witt, Brittany Smith, Chase Donahue, Christine Donahue, Chip Wilmet, Chelsea Cody, Nathan Nelson, Chad Helfrich, Larry Estep, Connor Donahue, Mason Gess, Alexis Mathewson, Haley Barrich, Erik Lundberg, Lesley Carter, Jake VanDyke, Jeremy Heskett, Marcy Donahue, John Lyndy, and Donnell Steele.

Motion to go into executive session 2C2 Personnel at 6:25 pm by Trustee Steele. Seconded by Trustee Noe. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting called back to order by Trustee Steele at 6:33 pm.

Roll Call: Trustee Steele – Present; Trustee Hoffman – Present; Trustee Graves – Present; Trustee Noe – Present; Trustee Campen – Present. 5 of 5 Trustees Present.

II. FIRE FIREFIGHTER APPLICANTS (MAY BE DONE IN CLOSED SESSION)

Firefighter applicant was present to meet and interview with the Board of Trustees. Candidate Alex Stauthammer has applied to Limestone. The Board reviewed the candidate's application and all Board members had an opportunity to meet and ask questions of the candidate. The candidate is recommended by the interview committee and Chief Officers. The candidate would be assigned to Station 4.

Motion to bring Candidate Stauthammer onto Limestone as a Probationary Firefighter assigned to Station 4 by Trustee Steele. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

III. REPORT OF DISTRICT ACCOUNTANT

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A. August 2026 Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve August 2026 Treasurer's report by Trustee Hoffman. Seconded by Trustee Graves. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NON-REOCCURRING BILLS

Item	$ Total	From	PO #	Account
2026-2027 1st Half of Captain Stipend	$300.00	Brandon Witt		626
2026-2027 1st Half of Captain Stipend	$300.00	Christina Brown		626
2026-2027 1st Half of Captain Stipend	$300.00	Connor Donahue		626
2026-2027 1st Half of Assistant Chief Stipend	$1,600.00	John Worley		625
326 P/S Complete Seat Belt Assem	$1,054.73	MacQueen	26-108	614
Replace (1) Fire Pull Station @ Station 5	$309.25	Christenberry	26-109	616
1 Cab Antenna & Cable for New Eng #328	$72.05	Ragan Comm	26-110	617
I.T. Service for E-mail Issue	$256.32	Sora Tech.	26-111	604
2026 Polaris Rng 1000 UTV	$15,311.00	Cupis Motor Mall	26-112	660
Misc Bolts & Nuts Training Simulator	$27.22	Bartonville Hardware	26-113	615
Replace 1 Fire Pull Station @ Central	$252.25	Christenberry	26-114	616
Meds, Glucagon, Nitro	$141.75	Carle Health Proctor	26-115	606
Reimbursement for Notary Renewal and Training	$197.95	Jodi Noe	26-116	620
Shipped Radio Antenna & Cable to Sutphen VISA CC	$55.07	UPS Store	26-117	614
353 Oil Change VISA CC	$106.20	Uftring Auto Mall	26-118	614
300 Oil Change & New Battery	$405.04	Johnny Ellis Auto	26-119	614
361 Oil Change, New Belt, New Battery VISA CC	$507.23	Johnny Ellis Auto	26-120	614

Item	$ Total	From	PO #	Account
Letter to Cooper Waibel & Two rolls of Stamps VISA CC	$176.18	USPS	26-121	604
4-Def Fluid	$49.60	O'Reilly	26-122	614
326 Pressure Governor (Part Only)	$4,955.75	Redline Safety	26-123	614
TOTAL:	**$26,377.59**			

Motion to approve the $26,377.59 in non-recurring expenses by Trustee Hoffman. Seconded by Trustee Noe. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. REPORT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY (MAY BE DONE IN CLOSED SESSION)

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2026

Motion to approve Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2026 by Trustee Noe. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Regular meeting minutes of August 13, 2026

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes of August 13, 2026 by Trustee Campen. Seconded by Trustee Noe. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Closed Meeting minutes of August 13, 2026

Motion to approve closed meeting minutes of August 13, 2026 by Trustee Steele. Seconded by Trustee Hoffman. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. CITIZEN REMARKS AND CORRESPONDENCE (3 minutes limit per person)

Before the Citizen Remarks Trustee Hoffman discuss with the public to sign a sheet with their name and phone number if they wanted to be contacted by the HR Fit. The signup sheet then was turn over to the Attorney to forward to the HR Fit.

The public discuss equipment and how much it cost. The dollars spent on the new side by side. Long list of equipment repairs 40,000 to 60,000 dollars where is this coming from? Give more money, the Board should be making a decision than hiring an outside firm to do the investigation. The public was told that the HR Fit investigates the claims. The third party have no interest in this fight and this way having dual processing on the allegations. Discuss the time frames for the HR Fit. Trustee Steele, Trustee Graves, and Trustee Noe discuss that this is the best thing for the department having an outside firm to the investigation. Trustee Noe also commented that a few members of the board were asked to recuse them self in the investigation and they needed to do what they felt best for the department which was hiring an outside firm. The public asked about

the hourly charge for HR Fit. The Audience was told they won't know the exact amount but said the firm will notify them when they reach $15,000, then $25,000, not to exceed $40,000. Asked how was this going to be paid. Trustee Campen mention to the audience that we have $75,000 in contingencies money that can be used for HR Fit. Attorney will forward all the names and phone numbers to the HR Fit that was submitted tonight. Trustee Graves said that the staff will receive a phone call from HR Fit which will start next week on the calling. The public said fix things on vehicles, extra dollars, everything stops, everything else stay the same? Middle of the tax referendum tax in 6 to 8 weeks where is this? Cutting back on service is not an option. Community won't stand for this. Assistant Chief said every little paper come across my desk is sincerely complaint outrage. Another public comment said this is my first meeting attending and don't know the just of it. Is Performance evaluation being done? How many complaints against the Chief or Deputy Chief? Will the public get to see a report of the outcome? The public wanted to know if a final report of the recommendation be in the public records and when will that be issue, the finding and recommendation and seeing the outcome. The public ask why wasn't the Chief or Deputy Chief suspended during this pending investigation. Firefighters want to know what is going to be done. Directly involve – not to have retaliation. Public talk about the Chain of Command, who to go to? Firefighter talk on the retaliation and number of calls being run and afraid loose lot of experiences staff on the department. What is the department leadership, accountability, and conduct the public is asking?

IX. REPORT OF COMMAND

In the month of August, the Fire District responded to 141 emergency calls. 89 BLS, 3 Fire, 4 MVA, 45 other.

Chief's report provided attached to minutes.

X. BUDGET REQUEST

XI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review and approval of 2026-2027 Budget

Trustee Steele – Present; Trustee Hoffman – Present; Trustee Campen – Present; Trustee Noe – Present, Trustee Graves – Present. 5 of 5 Trustee Present.

Trustee Steele – Yes; Trustee Hoffman – Yes; Trustee Campen – No; Trustee Noe – Yes; Trustee Graves – Yes.

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Budget by Trustee Steele. Seconded by Trustee Noe. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-1. (Trustee Campen – No)

B. Review and Approval of Bond Principal/Interest $429,233.75 payment to UMB and Wire Fee Transfer.

Motion to approve Bond Principal/Interest $429,233.75 payment to UMB and Wire Transfer fee by Trustee Campen. Seconded by Trustee Steele. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Roll Call: Trustee Steele – Yes; Trustee Hoffman – Yes; Trustee Campen – Yes; Trustee Noe – Yes; Trustee – Graves – Yes. Motion Carried 5-0.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS THAT LAWFULLY COMES BEFORE THE BOARD

Public comment from the audience said not in the district but here to support his brothers and sisters serving the community and the Firefighters cares for the community.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

XV. ANNOUNCEMENT/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

XVI. SETTING OF PLACE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be at **6:00pm** on **Thursday October 8, 2026** at the Central Fire Station at 7800 W. Plank Rd.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Without objections the meeting was adjourned by Trustee Steele at 7:42 p.m.

APPROVED

Date & Time_____@_____

By:_____