



Dexter Rural Fire Protection District
Budget Committee
May 19, 2026

Call to Order: Board Vice-Chair Larry Severance called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Present: Directors Rich Stronach, Larry Severance, Larry Swartz, and Tim Strinz

Budget Committee: Heath Pierce, Nancy Brazie, and Sherri Stronach, Al Gerard.

Staff: Chief Wooldridge

Appointment of Budget Committee Chair

Nominations for Budget Committee Chair were opened by the Board Vice-President. **Larry Swartz nominated Al Gerard to serve as the Budget Committee Chair.** Heath Pearce seconded the nomination. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Officer Presentation:

Budget Officer Chief Wooldridge presented the Budget message for the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 26/27 to the committee.

Discussion:

1. A discussion ensued on the viability of keeping line staff and if we are in line with neighboring districts with the pay. Chief Wooldridge stated that we are in line with like sized districts, but that we will be looking at another future increase.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment received.

Actions by the Budget Committee

No action taken.

Approval of the Proposed Budget

Sherri Stronach made a motion to approve the FY 26/27 for Dexter RFPD in the amount of \$1,076,730. Heath Pearce Seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Permanent Tax Rate

Sherri Stronach made a motion that the budget committee of Dexter RFPD approve the property tax rate for the 2026-2027 fiscal year at the permanent rate of \$1.4151 per \$1,000 of assessed value and local option levy rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the operating purposed in the General Fund of \$597,680. Larry Swartz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: With no additional time needed for deliberation and with public comment being allowed for and publicly noticed, there will be no need for a second meeting.

Director Larry Swartz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:25pm. Director Tim Strinz second. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief

Larry Wooldridge