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Dexter Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting of the Board of Directors In person May 20, 2025

Call to Order: Board Chair Bob Holland called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

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

Absent: Haley Meshnik

Staff: Chief Wooldridge and Aidan Rozcicha

Guests: None

Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 15, 2025, Board of Directors meeting and April 29, 2025, Budget Committee meeting. Director Rich Stronach moved to accept the minutes as presented. Director Tim Strinz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Review and Bill Approval: The Board reviewed the financial statements and district bills. Director Larry Swartz made a motion to approve the financial statements and pay the districts bills. Director Larry Severance seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Reviewed the OFDDA newsletter, specifically annexations and November conference.

Chief's Report: Chief provided his report.

**The Board reviewed the Fire Chief's Reports and further staff reports, which were attached as addendums and are available on file.*

- Staffing: New volunteers finishing the academy this month, 3 full-time for summer staffing grant.
- Responses: 34 Calls in April
- Grants: Airpacks in service
- IGA: Very happy with Haley's work and collaborating more in the future.
- General Upgrades: All new appliances have been purchased and installed.
- The engine is out of service.

Unfinished Business:

Budget 25/26: Chief Wooldridge discussed budget meeting and Director Bob Holland opened discussion on increasing the Chief's salary for the fiscal 25/26 budget. Open discussion among all Directors ensued.

Director Rich Stronach made a motion to increase Fire Chief's wages by 6% and to accept the budget, with amendment, that was approved by Budget Committee. Larry Severance seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Engine 2121: Chief Wooldridge discussed the status of repairs being done at Hughes Fire. The pump has severe damage and needs extensive work. We have quoted prices to do minimal work and leave the pump as is, replace only the needed parts or replace pump with new one. The price difference between fixing existing pump with parts is \$16,584 and replacing with new pump is \$17,645. Discussion on longevity of the engine ensued. Chief Wooldridge expressed that this is the engine he would want to keep for its versatility should we replace an engine in the future.

Director Larry Severance made a motion to move forward with replacing the pump with a new pump as quoted by Hughes Fire. Director Rich Stronach seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Oakridge Ambulance: Chief Wooldridge updated the board on the Oakridge ambulance crash. Dexter Fire will support where we can with MVC's west of Oakridge that are beyond our normal response area as needed or requested.

The next Board meeting will be June 17th at 4pm.

Adjournment: Director Larry Swartz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:43pm. Director Rich Stronach seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief
Larry Wooldridge