

Ellendale Fire Protection District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

01-07-2020

Meeting was called to order by Chief Paul Wedell.

19 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Raffle
 - 182 books of tickets turned in so far.
 - Members turn in unsold books.
 - A request was made to have lights in the porta potties at the event.
- Meeting Nights
 - Table until the next meeting.
- EMR Training
 - No new news.
- Fire School
 - Feb 27-March 1
 - New members should try to attend.
- Old 7383
 - The Forbes department is having issues.

New Business:

- A thank you was received from Michael and Rachael Land.
- Donation
 - Farmers Union Donated \$1500.00.
 - Cenex Land O Lakes matched the \$1500.00.
 - Ellendale Pharmacy donated \$500.00
- Coteau Grain paid \$200.00 to have the grain dryer rinsed off.
- New Incident Board
 - Paul constructed a new board.
 - The old one was hard to clean and to read the information written on it.
 - The incident reports should be placed in the office.
- Photos
 - A group photo will be taken after the meeting.
 - Individual photos will be taken for identification badges.
 - Discounts may be received by members at specific places.
- Controlled Burn
 - A house in the country needs to be burned down.
 - The department will be able to use it for training purposes.
 - Members must be aware that a page will be set out when conditions are conducive to burning the house.
- Jim Schmidt
 - Jerry made a motion to remove Jim from the roster.
 - 2nd by Eric.

- Motion passed.
- Wings
 - Jerry asked the membership if it would be interested in working at the concession stand at the Wings home games.
 - The fundraiser could generate \$37-\$40,000 during the season.
 - It would take around 9 members each night that there is a game.
 - The department must decide prior to April 1st if interested to be put up for consideration.
- Thank You
 - Danny thanked the members for shoveling a path for the ambulance to assist with his grandchild's birth.
- Ticket Sales
 - Thank you to the members for taking time to sell raffle tickets.
 - Rewards for selling come in the form of new trucks and equipment.
- This month is the 50th anniversary of the Trinity Bible College Fire.
- Elections
 - Chief
 - The nomination committee nominated Paul Wedell for Chief.
 - Jerry moved that nominations cease and cast an unanimous ballot for Paul Wedell.
 - Motion was 2nd by Mike T.
 - Motion carried and Paul Wedell was re elected as Chief.
 - Assistant Chief
 - The nomination committee nominated Mike Thorpe as Assistant Chief.
 - Jerry moved that nominations cease and cast an unanimous ballot for Mike Thorpe.
 - Motion was 2nd by Butch.
 - Motion carried and Mike Thorpe was re elected as Assistant Chief.
 - Secretary
 - The nomination committee nominated David Witt for Secretary.
 - Butch moved that nominations cease and cast an unanimous ballot for David Witt.
 - Motion was 2nd by Jerry.
 - Motion carried and David Witt was re elected as Secretary.
 - Training Officer
 - The nomination committee nominated Tyler Middlestead for Training Officer.
 - Paul moved that nominations cease and cast an unanimous ballot for Tyler Middlestead.
 - Motion was 2nd by Danny.
 - Motion carried and Tyler Middlestead was re elected as Training Officer.
 - Rescue Squad Leader
 - The nomination committee nominated Eric Fuher for Rescue Squad Leader.
 - Jerry moved that nominations cease and cast an unanimous ballot for Eric Fuher.
 - Motion was 2nd by Harold.
 - Motion carried and Eric Fuher was re elected as Rescue Squad Leader.
- Extrication Class
 - March 28 is the primary date.
 - April 4 is a backup date.
- Banquet

- The banquet is set for April 14.
- EVOC
 - A driving course will be planned for this year.

- Motion to Adjourn - James Jenkins

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02-04-2020

Meeting was called to order by Chief Paul Wedell.

16 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Raffle
 - The raffle was an overall success.
 - Ticket sales went well.
 - Jerry moved that the department continue doing the raffle again next year.
 - Second by Harold
 - Motion passed.
- Meeting Nights
 - A variety of ideas were discussed to make it possible to get more training in during the year.
 - Members are to think of what they would like to do moving forward.
 - Table until the next meeting.
- EMR Training
 - No new news.
- Fire School
 - Feb 27-March 1
 - 6 members are planning on attending this year.
- Wings
 - Dave moved that the department pass on doing the concessions at the Wings games.
 - Second by Eric.
 - Motion passed.
- Auto Extrication
 - Saturday April 4th at 8:00 - 3:00.
- Photos
 - Members that have not had a photo taken for the I.D. badges need to bring the new pullovers to the next meeting for a photo.

New Business:

- Donation
 - The Ellendale American Legion donated \$4,488.00 for a new cordless ventilation fan.
- Fireman's Ball
 - March 14
 - Dave will be the chairman of the planning committee with Eric assisting
- Golf Tournament
 - Corey Gulke will be the chairman.
 - Tentative dates are July 18 or 25.

- Equipment
 - The air compressor needs a new regulator and the hoses have been removed from all of the trucks.
 - Trucks need to be started upon arrival to the firehall in order for the air to charge up prior to leaving the fire hall.

- Motion to Adjourn - Harold Swatfager

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03-03-2020

Meeting was called to order by Chief Paul Wedell.

16 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Fan
 - The fan has been ordered and should be here in a couple weeks.
- Fireman's Ball
 - March 14, 5:30 social and 6:30 supper
 - The theme is caribbean and/or pirates.
- Golf Tournament
 - The golf course is reserved for July 18.
 - Farmers Union Oil will donate the green fees.
 - Starion will donate the meals.
- House Burn
 - Still waiting on state approval.
- Trucks
 - The compressor is working again.
 - 7384 still needs to be plugged in.
- Fire School
 - Paul attended classes on wildland fire weather, fire investigations, and fire prevention activities.
 - Dave attended classes on ventilation, scene size up, and hose advancement.
- Meeting Nights
 - Table until the next meeting.
 - Members should think of ideas prior to the next meeting.

New Business:

- Training for this year
 - EVOG Course
 - Fire and EMS both would be encouraged to attend.
 - Training would be planned for June or July.
 - Propane scenario
- Fire School
 - Ladies are increasing at fire school.
 - Should the membership be expanded to include women on the department.
- Auto Extrication
 - April 4, 8:00 until 3-4:00.
- CPR Training
 - Next Meeting.
- Board Meeting
 - March 23.

- Motion to Adjourn - Jerry Rekow

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04-07-2020

Meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19 and following social distancing orders.

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05-05-2020

Meeting was called to order by Chief Paul Wedell.

10 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Banquet
 - Thanks to the committee for planning the event
- Golf Tournament
 - July 18
- House Burn
 - Has been cancelled.
 - The state has not been cooperating.
- EVOG Course
 - The date is set for June 20.
 - Currently there has been no instructor assigned.
- CPR
 - Training is planned for September or October.
- Extrication Training
 - It is planned for August 1st.
 - May need to have 2 trainings on 2 weekends to conform with covid precautions.
- Meeting Nights
 - One idea to get more involved/detailed trainings in during the year.
 - November through April have normal meetings.
 - May through October add an additional training night during the month with no meal. Members would receive a meal certificate for attendance.
 - Normal meeting nights would be moved to 8:00 with no supper.
- Fan
 - Has not shown up yet.

New Business:

- Assisting Ambulance
 - Code 120 use covid precautions
- Lift assist
 - Members need to wear gloves, masks, and eye protection provided by the ambulance service.
 - Members can respond in personal vehicles.
- Donations
 - Lorraine Betting donated 4 packages of pancake mix.
 - 3M donated 20 pairs of eye protection
 - 3M would like feedback on how members like the glasses.
- Coteau Grain
 - Looking to have the dryer area washed in the near future.

- Will need help. Listen for the page.
- Ellendale Area Foundation Grant
 - Applied for funds for a K-12 saw and ventilation saw.
 - The auxiliary also pledged \$1,000 towards the equipment.
- Scouting Roads
 - Charlie Russell and the Sheriff's Department were asked to scout roads for the department in order to get to incidents safely with our equipment.
- Coats
 - Members which have been on the department for 3 years will receive a new jacket at no cost.
 - After each additional 5 years members will receive a 2nd at no cost if desired.

- Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

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06-02-2020

Meeting was called to order by Chief Paul Wedell.

10 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- CPR
 - Training will be likely in September or October.
- Golf Tournament
 - Jerry moved to postpone the golf tournament until 2021 because of Covid-19 concerns
 - 2nd by Dave Witt
 - Motion passed
- EVOG Training
 - June 20th
 - Ben Willey will be the instructor.
 - 8:00-5:00
- Extrication training
 - August 1st
 - Sign up online
- Ellendale Area Foundation Grant
 - Received \$4,200.00
 - Auxiliary is donating \$1,000.00
 - The funds together will be used to purchase a K-12 saw and a ventilation saw.
- Ventilation Fan
 - Has yet to arrive.
- Meeting/Training Schedule
 - The following plan was discussed in order to get more involved/detailed trainings during the year.
 - 1st Tuesday of the month (May through October)
 - 8:00 business meeting with no meal.
 - 3rd Tuesday of the month (May through October)
 - 6:00 training and no meal.
 - Members arrive early and be prepared to begin training at 6:00.
 - \$10.00 Ellendale bucks to be earned for participation.
 - Ellendale bucks which have been earned will be paid out at the January meeting.
 - 1st Tuesday of the Month (November through April)
 - 6:00 meal with meal, meeting and training to follow.
 - It was discussed to wait for a larger attendance to have a vote.
 - Jerry made a suggestion to vote on approval of the new schedule by text.
 - Mike moved that we try the new meeting schedule through October, with the training sessions to start Tuesday June 16th.
 - 2nd by Jerry

- Motion passed
- The revised meeting format will be reviewed at the November meeting.

New Business:

- Raffle
 - Committee is working on plans for the raffle.
- ND Siren
 - The program is for upgrading to digital radios and Fire Districts are not eligible at this time.
 - The department should consider starting a line item in the budget to prepare if a 60/40 or 70/30 grant would come available in the future.
- Dickey County Fair
 - Alex Tschosik is putting on a fireworks display for the Dickey Co. Fairboard on July 10th with July 11 being the “rain day”.
 - He is asking for a fire truck to standby.
- Krause House
 - There are no further plans to use the house for training purposes.
- 30 Year Pin
 - Jerry Rekow was presented with a pin for his 30 years of service.

- Motion to Adjourn - Jerry Rekow

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07-07-2020

Meeting was called to order by Chief Paul Wedell.

11 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- EVOC
 - Ben put on a good training.
 - Attendance was low.
 - Tyler gave a discussion of the events at the training.
- Raffle
 - Tickets are to be ready to be sold August 1st.
- Dickey County Fair
 - Fireworks show is to be displayed July 10.
 - The fair board is asking for 1 truck for the event.
- Extrication
 - Register online
 - August 1st
- Vent Fan
 - The fan has arrived.
 - 2 additional batteries will be needed for spares.
- I.D. Cards
 - They are being worked on.
 - They will have additional uses such as discounts on certain purchases.
- Forbes Parade
 - Thank you to James and Brandon for taking a truck to the parade.

New Business:

- Application
 - Cole Winter was in attendance and has put in an application.
- Weather Watching
 - Members need write on the board which trucks have been taken out and which members are on each truck.
 - A minimum of 2 people in each truck which is taken out.
- New Meeting Schedule
 - Encourage members to attend the meetings.
 - Next training August 21st 6:00.
- Pancake Feed
 - Social distancing will be encouraged.
 - The event will continue on unless covid regulations won't allow.
 - Table discussion until next meeting.

- Model A

- How much money is to be put towards repairs?
- Motion to Adjourn - Mike Thorpe

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08-04-2020

Meeting was called to order by Chief Paul Wedell.

13 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- New Member Application
 - The Cole Winter application was approved.
- Extrication
 - Thank you to the members that came as well as the ambulance crew.
 - Thank you to Eric for making arrangements with the state & instructors as well as getting the vehicles to the fire hall
- Dickey County Fair Fireworks
 - Thank you to Eric F. and Nolan H. for taking a truck as standby.
- Model A
 - No Updates
- Pancake Feed
 - Social distancing will be encouraged.
 - The event will be held unless covid regulations won't allow.
 - Table discussion until next meeting.

New Business:

- Applefest(Sept 12th)
 - 4-H Archery is looking to use the firehall for a pancake feed.
 - Will need to have a firefighter present if they use the hall & griddles.
 - Normal fees will be collected.
- District Board Meeting
 - Approved moving forward with raffle.
- Raffle
 - Hoping to have tickets in the next week or two.
 - Moving the location because of COVID distancing concerns. Gary Dathe, the Legion Commander, is ok with it and will provide liquor/license/permit.
- Free Covid Testing
 - August 5, 2020 from 11:00 - 1:00 at the Dickey Co. Fairgrounds.
 - Charlie Russell is looking to have a one or two firefighters to help direct traffic
 - Members helping are to be there by 10:30
- Internet at the Fire Hall
 - Paul has talked with DRN and they will provide internet on a limited basis.
 - Will be password protected and Officers will have the password.
 - Matt T. will be asked to run any necessary wiring.
- ID tag
 - Were passed out to members present.

- Can get discounts at various locations by showing Fire ID.
 - If you lose it you will be charged a fee to get a new one.
- Member Attendance
 - Reviewed member training attendance and a reminder that 6 trainings are required per year. Some leniency will be given due to the COVID outbreak.
 - With an understanding that the COVID outbreak may be keeping some members away from meetings & training, the officers are looking to offer some online training as an alternative in order to make minimums.
 - Membership was asked to encourage other members to keep coming to training.
 - Also encourage friends and others to become a member
- Fire Prevention Week in October
- Fire prevention awareness kit.
 - Going to try and donate to NDFFA or ND Fire Museum.
- New Nomex hoods are here and will be passed out.

- Motion to Adjourn - Danny Winter

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09-01-2020

Meeting was called to order by Chief Paul Wedell.

19 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Covid-19 Testing
 - Thank you to Nolan for helping with traffic for the testing event.
- Fire Prevention Awareness Kit
 - The ND Firefighters Museum will accept the donation of the kit.
 - Jerry will take the kit to Bismarck.
- Raffle
 - The tickets will be printed and dispersed to members prior to Applefest.
- Model A
 - Mike is getting estimates on the parts needed to make repairs.
- Online Training
 - Courses can be taken in order to make up for missed trainings.
 - 20-25 potential courses available at no cost.
- Applefest Pancake Feed
 - The 4-H archery club will be using the fire hall for the event.

New Business:

- New Member Application
 - Shawn Sigafuus was in attendance as a potential new member.
- Ellendale Area Foundation Grant
 - The department purchased a new K-12 saw and ventilation saw with the funds.
 - The saws will be put into service after the meeting.
 - A group photo will be taken with the saws after the meeting.
- New SOP's
 - They are close to being implemented.
 - There will be copies available at the next meeting to review.
 - Members will get a electronic copy of the document
 - The end result of the SOP's will be a safer and more knowledgeable, and unified department.
- Fire Prevention Week
 - Eric will be the chairman for the events.
 - Members will be asked to volunteer and help Eric.
- Pancake Feed
 - October 11th
 - Jim Glynn will chair the committee if Matt is unable to do so.
- ND Forest Service Grant
 - Gear racks and accessories will be applied for with the 50/50 grant.

- Coat
 - Jim Glynn was presented his coat for his 8th year of service.
- Department Notifications
 - Ross suggested that there should be a platform in which members can see minutes for meetings which have been missed in order to stay informed about department happenings.
 - Another suggestion was to make dates available of upcoming trainings and events.
- Applefest Parade
 - Members which are available can help Harold and Kelly wash trucks on Friday night.
 - The auxiliary will be approached about purchasing candy.
 - The hand pull cart will be pulled by the ranger.
 - Each truck requires 2 members with full turnout gear.
- Old 7383
 - The truck has been moved outside of the fire hall.
 - For sale signs will be placed on it.

- Motion to Adjourn - Jerry Rekow

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10-06-2020

Meeting was called to order by Chief Paul Wedell.

11 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- New Member Application
 - Shawn Sigafuus removed his application from the department prior to a vote because he is leaving town.
- Pancake Fundraiser
 - The officers met and decided to cancel the fundraiser.
 - A majority of the people which attend are older citizens.
 - The covid risk to the public outweighs the benefit of the fundraiser.
 - Citizens will be notified by facebook, on the website, and with paper signs placed around town.
- SOP's
 - A hard copy is available at the fire hall for viewing.
 - A copy is also available on the website.
 - A copy will be sent to all members electronically.
 - The SOP's will be voted on by the membership at the January meeting.
 - Upon approval each member will need to sign off on the SOP's.
- Ellendale Fire Website
 - Paul has been working hard to make a go-to site for the members and the public.
 - Information found on the site includes:
 - Links to training sites that members can participate in.
 - The complete SOP document.
 - Upcoming events.
 - Raffle info.
 - Open burning info and more.
- Raffle
 - Tickets are out and members need to acquire tickets and get out selling.
- Model A
 - Keep in the minutes for the next meeting.
- Fire Prevention Week
 - All activities will be postponed until spring.

New Business:

- Oysters
 - Dave will talk to Mike to ensure that they are ordered for the January Meeting.
- Clean Up Day
 - Members agreed that some time this winter the department will have a clean up day at the fire hall.

- Some signs and antique tools could be hung up for display.
 - The hall needs a thorough cleaning and organizing to make it more presentable.
- Controlled burns
 - Corey Gulke is planning on burning a slough area north of his house October 10 or 11 depending on the weather.
 - The burn can be used as a training to practice fire control practices.
 - Paul Wedell is also looking to do a similar burn south of his house which can be used for training purposes in the future.
- Training
 - The next training will be held October 20 at 6:00.
- Inventory
 - Truck inventories have changed and the new purchases need to be documented.
- Donation
 - The Forbes Fire Department donated 4-50 foot rolls of 2 ½ hose which they purchased and were not using.

- Motion to Adjourn - Danny Winter

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

11-03-2020

Meeting was called to order by Chief Paul Wedell.

10 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Raffle
 - Due to covid restrictions it may be difficult to have a live event this year.
 - Currently, attendance is limited to 25% capacity with a limit of 50 people.
 - The drawing may need to be held on facebook live.
- Model A
 - No new info.
- Website
 - It is up to date.
 - Members should take a look and get used to using the site.
- Facebook
 - Department activities and updates will also be available on this platform.
- SOP's
 - They are currently available on the website. (ellendalefire.org)
 - The membership will vote to adopt the new SOP's at the January meeting.
 - Members should read through the SOP's prior to the vote.
- Controlled burn
 - Paul is planning a controlled burn for November 7 depending on the weather.
 - Members willing to help will be able to practice wildland firefighting tactics.
- Forbes Hose
 - The manufacture dates need to be checked before putting into service.

New Business:

- Donations
 - The VFW auxiliary donated \$300.00.
 - Kenneth and Rachael Kellogg donated \$100.00
 - Jerry and Jamie Barton donated \$50.00 for watering the road at the fairgrounds for the wedding.
- Internet
 - The firehall has its own operational internet service now.
- Training Nite Schedule
 - The topic will be tabled until there is a larger attendance.
- Keep in the Minutes
 - Cleaning the firehall.
 - Widening the door opening.
 - Truck inventories.
- Forest Service Grant

- No new information.
- Truck Storage
 - The Fargo Assembly building has been sold and a new location is needed for the Model A.
 - Old 7383 needs to be moved prior to winter to keep it out of the way of the snow pile.
- Oysters
 - The amount ordered for the January meeting will be cut in half from previous years. Consumption of the oysters has reduced from previous years.
- Sanitizers
 - The question was raised whether the trucks should be sanitized after returning from a call due to covid concerns.
 - Should the department purchase equipment or could it be borrowed from another entity in town?
 - No action taken.

- Motion to Adjourn - Dave Witt

Ellendale Fire Protection District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

12-01-2020

Meeting was called to order by Chief Paul Wedell.

16 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Raffle
 - 69 books turned in so far.
 - Plans will be made pertaining to the event based on state covid mandates which will be released on Dec 14.
 - State gaming rules do not allow the department to sell raffle tickets online.
 - The tickets can be advertised with member contact information.
 - An extension to the Drawing date can be applied for through the State Gaming Commission.
- Model A
 - No new info.
- Truck Storage
 - The Model A may be able to be stored at the Soil Conservation building.
 - Old 7383 can be parked at Eric's shop or at the recycling center.
- SOP's
 - They are currently available on the website. (ellendalefire.org)
 - The membership will vote to adopt the new SOP's at the January meeting.
 - Members should read through the SOP's prior to the vote.
- Controlled burn
 - Thank you to members which came out and helped and trained during the controlled burns.
 - Members were able to practice with a drip torch and see the value of the tool in fire fighting activities.
 - Paul ordered a drip torch to be put in service.
- Forest Service Grant
 - They are 2 weeks away from announcing which departments will be receiving the grant.
- Training Nights
 - A payment with Ellendale bucks will be presented to members for attendance of the summer training meetings.
 - Tyler will get the attendance information to Butch in order to purchase the Ellendale bucks.
 - There was discussion on ways to increase attendance at the trainings. Some ideas were:
 - Keep the meetings and trainings the way it was originally because it is hard for some members to get away especially in the summer and fall.
 - Move the training on the second night of the month to 7:00 to allow members more time to get to the training.

- No action taken.
- Door Openers
 - The openers are on hand and are scheduled to be put in prior to the end of the year.

New Business:

- Sanford Air Med
 - Helicopters are available from Fargo or Bismarck.
 - Landing Zones should be 100 ft by 100 ft. during daylight hours, 150 x 150 at night.
 - 5 lights should be used. 1 on each corner and 1 where the person directing the flight is standing or should be standing if no one is there to direct the helicopter.
 - The person directing the helicopter should be in a position which puts their back to the wind as the helicopter will be landed flying into the wind.
- Call Reports
 - The reports need to be filled out completely and with more detail in the narrative.
 - False alarms and calls turned back must be filled out as well.
- Nomination committee
 - Jerry Rekow and Jim Glynn
- Cooking Committee
 - Mike Thorpe, Butch, and Nolan.
- Keep in the Minutes
 - Cleaning the firehall.
 - Widening the door opening.
 - Truck inventories.
- January Meeting and Meal
 - Invite the board members
 - The tables will need to be moved down stairs or have the meal in the senior center in order to accommodate with current covid mandates.
- Calvin Dathe
 - A sympathy card has been sent out for his passing.
- Thank You
 - The Ellendale Chamber thanked the department for the use of the fire hall for the pancake feed.
- Donation
 - The Forbes Fire Department donated \$5,000.00 for helping their department over the years.
- Coats for Service were presented.
 - Brandon Rall 3years.
 - James Jenkins 3 years.
 - David Witt 8 years.
- Fire School
 - It will be held as a virtual format this year.
 - Members are to watch for information as it comes out in order to sign up for classes.
 - Classes taken will make up for missed trainings during the year.
- CPR Training
 - Most members certifications will expire in March 2021.
- Motion to Adjourn - Jerry Rekow

