

Ellendale Fire Protection District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

05-04-21

Attendance:

Mike Thorpe, Tyler Middlestead, Eric Fuher, Jim Glynn, James Jenkins, Ross Seefeld, Dillion Thorpe, Paul Wedell

Meeting Called to Order by Fire Chief

Minutes of previous meeting where read and approved

Old Business:

- Mike & Eric decided to take apart the rims on the Model A before ordering any parts. They want to verify which parts are usable.
- Extrication was originally scheduled for this weekend, May 8 but with the amount of farming going on right now it was the opinion of those present that we wouldn't have a large attendance this weekend. Based on that, it was decided that Extrication would be rescheduled for August 7th contingent upon approval from the State.
- Ross Seefeld spoke with Gordy Schmidt from the Harvey Fire Department which currently has a Junior Firefighter program. Gordy will forward information about their program but stated that they have had good success with it. He added that they don't allow junior members to enter structure fires or put out wildland fires but they are allowed to do some mop up. They also follow school guidelines for suspensions and such. Ross mentioned that Edgeley Fire also has a program but it is ran with fewer restrictions than Harvey. More information will be forthcoming.
- Mike reported that the raffle committee will be meeting soon to get things rolling for this year's raffle.

New Business:

- Paul reported that the department had been awarded a \$4,000.00 grant from the North Dakota Community Foundation. This grant was written to help offset the cost of the new gear washer/extractor.
- Paul presented a sweatshirt that Hero24/7 had sent out. Those present thought it looked like a good product and would like to look into costs.
- The department received an additional \$2,500.00 from Farmers Union Oil Company. This was the "matching funds" portion of the donation which comes from one of their vendors. Manager Dave Maunu told Paul that there may be additional monies available through another one of their vendors.
- Jeff & Jessica Ulmer approached Paul about doing a slough burn at their residence which is located within the city limits. The city council has already approved the burn if the fire department is willing to do it. A few of the officers will look at the site and make a determination if the burn could safely be done.
- Ag Country Farm Credit Services has a program to donate grain bin rescue equipment to fire departments. After much discussion, it was decided to look into the grant. If we apply and are awarded the grant, there is a requirement for the membership to attend a training session. Other concerns included: Is there a minimum number of trained personnel, How much storage space would be needed, Would we need to purchase a enclosed trailer to house the equipment, Is there additional equipment not included in the grant that we would have to purchase? Paul will look into this further.
- Paul made the department aware of an online training center created by the North Dakota Pipeline Association. If interested in completing the course, go to "trainingcenter.pdigm.com", click "New Registration", use the reference code "2021CORE" and follow the prompts to access the course.
- Mike showed a picture of a magnet that had been distributed by the Forbes Fire Department sometime in the past. It was suggested that this might be a good handout during Fire Prevention Week, the Ice Cream Booth, or while selling raffle tickets. Paul will look into potential vendors.
- The idea of a summer picnic came up again. After a bit of discussion, it was decided to table planning until next month.
- It was reported that the Fire Auxillary's steak fry at the Legion was a huge success.

Motion to Adjourn by Eric

Minutes as recorded in secretary's absence. Pending approval.

Training included pumper evolutions.