

Ellendale Fire Protection District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

1-04-2022

Meeting was called to order by Chief Paul Wedell.

17 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Forest Service Grant
 - The department was declined for the grant this year.
 - The grant was well written but grants were awarded to departments which did not receive the grant last year.
- Fire School
 - Go online to register.
 - Let Tyler know if making plans to attend in order to make room accommodations.
- Auto Extrication
 - Eric will apply for March 26 as primary date and April 2nd as a secondary date.
- Internet
 - No new news.
- Raffle
 - 252 books sold to date
 - It will be a red shirt event.
 - Mike went through the list of member responsibilities for the evening.
 - Members keep selling tickets.

New Business:

- Donations
 - Rita Dathe \$50.00.
 - Ellendale Pharmacy \$500.00.
 - Farmers Union Oil \$1500.00
 - Thank you cards will be sent to each donor.
- Training
 - The original minutes from last January read as follows:
 - *The officers met and came up with a suggestion for the training meetings.*
 - *The department would meet 1 time per month. Training would start at 6:00. The meeting would follow at 9:00. The supper would be discontinued. The dollars saved from not having a meal could be used to finance a family event at some point during the year.*
 - *Jerry moved that the department go along with the leadership's plan for a trial period of 12 months starting with the March meeting and make a decision to continue at that time.*
 - *2nd by Dillon*

- *Motion passed*
 - There was discussion to decide whether the training time should be reverted back to the way it was after the meeting. Or if the training should stay the same as it is now with the training first and the meeting to follow.
 - Corey moved to table a vote on the topic until the next meeting.
 - 2nd Mike
 - Motion passed.
- Shots
 - Anyone that needs to complete their series of Hepatitis shots should talk to Corey.
- SOP's
 - Reminder to read through winter and other pertinent sop's to stay prepared for potential incidents.
- Photo
 - A group photo will be taken after the meeting.
- Window Stickers
 - Mike had vehicle window stickers made for member vehicles.
 - Each member will receive one sticker.
 - Additional stickers may be purchased for \$4.50.
- Election
 - Prior to the voting Chief Paul Wedell made an address to the members as he is stepping down and would not accept a nomination for Chief.
 - Thank you to Eric and Jim with the nominating committee for all of their work talking to the members prior to the election.
 - Chief
 - The nomination committee nominated Mike Thorpe for Chief.
 - Jerry moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Thorpe.
 - Motion was 2nd by Dillon.
 - Motion carried and Mike Thorpe was elected as Chief.
 - Assistant Chief
 - The nomination committee nominated Tyler Middlestead as Assistant Chief.
 - Eric moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Tyler Middlestead.
 - Motion was 2nd by Paul.
 - Motion carried and Tyler Middlestead was elected as Assistant Chief.
 - Secretary
 - The nomination committee nominated David Witt for Secretary.
 - Butch moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for David Witt.
 - Motion was 2nd by Brandon.
 - Motion carried and David Witt was re-elected as Secretary.
 - Training Officer
 - The nomination committee nominated Nolan Hamar for Training Officer.
 - Jerry moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Nolan Hamar.
 - Motion was 2nd by Harold.

- Motion carried and Nolan Hamar was elected as Training Officer.
- Rescue Squad Leader
 - The nomination committee nominated Eric Fuher for Rescue Squad Leader.
 - Dave moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Eric Fuher.
 - Motion was 2nd by Tyler.
 - Motion carried and Eric Fuher was re-elected as Rescue Squad Leader.

- Motion to Adjourn - Jerry Rekow

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2-01-2022

Meeting was called to order by Chief Mike Thorpe.

15 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Raffle
 - Butch will bring the results of the raffle to the next meeting.
- Fire School
 - Members interested in going should contact Nolan.
 - The department has until the Monday prior to the event to cancel the rooms without penalty.
 - If possible, plans should be made to take the kid's fire house and try to get it to Garrison to the museum.
- Auto Extrication
 - Training will be held the night of March 25 and the day of March 26.
 - Members need to sign up for the class on the NDFA website.
- Training Nights
 - The officers came with a plan to start training at 6:00 and have the meeting to follow April through September and start the meeting at 6:00 and have the training to follow October through February.
 - Eric moved that we keep the schedule with the training starting at 6:00 and the meeting to follow until October and then start the new schedule with the meeting starting at 6:00 and the training to follow until April when the training's will start at 6:00 with the training to follow.
 - 2nd by Dillon.
 - Motion passed.
- Internet
 - It was found that other departments are paying for their internet.
 - Options will be looked into for a cheaper on demand service if possible.

New Business:

- Donations
 - Collin Engelhardt donated \$1,500 after receiving the Ranger.
- Fireman's Ball
 - The committee for the event will be Dave, Eric, and Chris.
- Golf Tournament
 - The committee for the event will include Corey, James, and Brandon.
- Trainings
 - Critical Incident Stress Management

- Feb 7-9 in Aberdeen.
 - Pipeline Response Training
 - March 4 in Fargo at 6:30.
 - March 7 in Gwinner at 6:30.
 - March 8 in Jamestown at 6:30.
- Funeral
 - Kirk Hansen, a retired member of the department, passed away and his funeral is in Britton.
 - Paul and Corey are planning on attending the service.
- Wildland masks
 - Carbon filter masks with goggles are being looked into for wildland fires.

- Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

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3-01-2022

Meeting was called to order by Chief Mike Thorpe.

13 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Raffle
 - It is reported that the raffle event brought in \$23,429 this year.
- Fire School
 - No members attended this year.
 - Members can attend local regional schools to get extra training during the year.
- Auto Extrication
 - Training will be held the night of March 25 beginning at 6:00 and March 26 from 8:00 to 6:00.
 - Members need to sign up for the class on the NDFFA website.
- Fireman's Ball
 - The event will be held April 2nd beginning at the Fireside and moving to the bowling alley after the meal.
- Golf Tournament
 - The tournament will be held July 16th at the Ellendale Golf Course.
- Internet
 - The charge for basic internet for the hall is \$85.00.
 - A letter will be sent to DRN to see if the department can get a grant to get a reduced price.

New Business:

- New Truck
 - There is no new news.
- USDA Grant
 - There is a 75/25 grant available to apply for.
 - The officers will decide what to apply for.
- Donation
 - Land O Lakes matched the Farmers Union Oil donation of \$1,500.
- Annual Meeting
 - The meeting will be held March 21st at 7:30 at the firehall.
- Rollgliss R550
 - Chris Chafy demonstrated the Rollgliss R550 which is a rope device which can be used as a controlled descent rescue, evacuation, or for lift rescues.
 - The units are new and have been replaced by devices which each employee carries rather than having one in every tower.

- The department has put in a request for some of the devices which can be placed in a few of the trucks.
- Motion to Adjourn - Dave Witt

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4-05-2022

Meeting was called to order by Chief Mike Thorpe.

12 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Auto Extrication
 - 13 members were present for the training.
 - Eric is looking into having a Heavy Rescue training in the future.
- Fireman's Ball
 - There was good attendance at the event.
- Golf Tournament
 - July 16, at the Ellendale Golf Course.
- Internet
 - A letter was sent to the DRN board asking for a possible reduced rate for the internet and a reduced price on a used laptop computer.
- Rope Packs
 - Send a thank you for the donation.
- Model A
 - No work has been done at this time.
 - Jerry discussed that a site should be found to possibly build a building to store and display the truck.
 - He mentioned that we could ask for donations for the building and concrete.
- USDA Grant
 - The grant has been applied for.

New Business:

- Raffle
 - The District Board approved doing the raffle again this year.
 - The committee will consist of Jim, Nolan, Mike and Dave.
 - The Ranger has already been ordered.
 - Tickets will be available prior to July 1.
- Wildland Masks
 - 2 mask options and a pair of goggles were passed around to be looked at.
- USDA Grant
 - A bid for \$426,000 for the cost of the truck from Midwest Fire was turned in with the grant application.
 - If the department is awarded the grant, 7382 would be replaced with this new truck.

- 7382 will be placed for sale if the department is awarded the grant.
- Mike, Nolan and Dave visited Midwest Fire in Luverne Minnesota where the trucks are built.
- The tank and body behind the cab is made of a heavy duty poly material which has a lifetime warranty.
- From the date of order it is estimated that it would take 12-18 months to receive the truck.
- Wall
 - The door opening behind 7381 is going to be widened.
 - More room will be required for the new 7385 when it arrives.
 - The project is planned for late summer or fall as time allows.
- NDFA Convention
 - It will be held in Casselton June 2-4.
 - It is the 138th annual.
 - Members interested in attending can find information on the NDFA website.
- Benefit
 - Corey Christensen (Big Kor) has been a long time member of the LaMoure Fire Department.
 - The LaMoure Fire Department is holding a spaghetti feed fundraiser in order to raise funds to help Corey with his ongoing medical bills.
 - The Benefit will be held at the Lamoure Fire Hall April 10 from 4:30 until 6:30.

- Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

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5-03-2022

Meeting was called to order by Chief Mike Thorpe.

12 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Raffle
 - The committee is finalizing the prize list.
 - Tickets will be available prior to July 1.
- NDFA Convention
 - Reminder that the convention will be held in Casselton June 2-4.
- DRN
 - Have not had a response on the letter to get a reduced rate on the internet and a laptop computer.
- Golf Tournament
 - Everything is in place.
 - Sponsors are paying for the food and green fees.
 - Ellendale Tourism is making a donation.
 - The event is to be held July 16.
 - More details on sponsors next month.
- New Truck
 - The Department was approved for \$316,000 leaving the department with \$105,000 for our portion.
 - Truck bids:
 - Midwest Fire \$431,000
 - Heiman \$405,464
 - Will discount 4,500 if the chassis is paid for upon ordering.
 - Great Plains \$398,000

New Business:

- New Members
 - Jimmy Cruz was voted on as a new member.
 - Andrew Wolter was voted on as a new member.
- Area Foundation Grant
 - The department was awarded the grant.
 - 4 gas monitors will be purchased.
 - 2 carbon monoxide monitors will be purchased.
- Clean Up Day
 - June 26 is set up tentatively.
 - Trucks will be washed, firehall will be cleaned and extra gear will be gone

through.

- Thank You
 - Ellendale ambulance thanked the members for helping with the 2 recent lift assists.
 - For future lift assists in town members can drive personal vehicles to the scene rather than going to the fire hall and driving a fire truck to the scene.
- Wildland Gear
 - The new wildland masks and goggles have been ordered.

- Motion to Adjourn - Brandon Rall

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6-07 -2022

Meeting was called to order by Chief Mike Thorpe.

11 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Area Foundation Grant
 - The department received \$3,500.
 - Need to put a thank you in the paper
- Clean Up Day
 - June 26 1:00 p.m. at the fire hall.
- DRN
 - They were unable to give a reduced rate on the internet.
 - No computers were available at this time.
- Golf Tournament
 - The posters are ready.
 - Up to 18 teams can play.
- USDA Grant
 - The fire truck has been ordered.
- Raffle Tickets
 - The Tickets have been ordered.

New Business:

- Dickey County Fair
 - July 7-10
 - Volunteers will be needed for ice cream, fireworks, demolition derby, and the rodeo.
 - The parade is July 9th, enter as many trucks in the parade as possible.
 - Get out selling tickets during the fair and all school reunion.
- New Member
 - Casey Armour was voted in as a new member.
- Fire Hydrant
 - The hydrant by the dog park is working again.
- Parades
 - Forbes July 4th
 - Fullerton June 25th

- Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

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7-05 -2022

Meeting was called to order by Chief Mike Thorpe.

16 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Dickey County Fair
 - Thursday and Friday night rodeo
 - May need to water the arena
 - Saturday parade at 4:00.
 - Enter as many trucks as possible.
 - Saturday demolition derby at 6:00.
 - Arena may need to be watered.
 - Nolan, Brandon, James, Mike, Jim, Casey, and Dave plan on helping with the derby.
 - Ice Cream Sales
 - Everyone sign up for as many shifts as possible.
- Golf Tournament
 - July 16
 - Personalized balls are in.
 - Shotgun start.
- Raffle Tickets
 - Get out and sell.

New Business:

- Oakes Fire Dept. Fundraiser
 - July 23
 - Raising funds for a new fire hall.
- First Responders Acknowledgement
 - During the Rodeo Thursday Night at 7:00
 - Blue shirt event.
- Years of Service
 - Butch Middlestead received a pin for 35 years of service.
- New Grass Rig
 - The truck may not be done this year.
 - The chassis may not be built until next year.
- District Board Meeting
 - July 6 a 7:30

- Motion to Adjourn - Jim Glynn

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8-02 -2022

Meeting was called to order by Chief Mike Thorpe.

13 members were present for roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Dickey County Fair
 - Thanks to everyone who helped out with the fair.
- Golf Tournament
 - 9 teams participated in the tournament.
- Raffle Tickets
 - Get out and sell.
 - Paul, Butch and Dave have extra tickets to distribute.

New Business:

- Applefest
 - September 10.
- Junior Firefighter Program
 - Ross has information from the Harvey Fire Department.
 - The officers will meet to discuss the program.
 - Casey will get information from the Britton Fire Department.
 - Brochures could be handed out to students during fire week at the school.
- Scene Protocol
 - Keep bystanders out of the area of the incident.
- Family Gatherings
 - Members were asked if they would like to have a family picnic this year?
 - Jerry invited the family to the Mason's family picnic.
 - In the future an all night out could be sponsored by the department for the community.
- SE Firefighters Golf Tournament
 - August 20 in Grand Rapids

- Motion to Adjourn - Ross Seefeld

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9-06-2022

Meeting was called to order by Secretary David Witt.

14 members were present for roll call.

Thomas Hennessy was in attendance. He is interested in joining the department.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Raffle Tickets
 - Get out and sell.
 - Paul, Butch, Mike and Dave have extra tickets to distribute.
- Applefest
 - The parade starts at noon.
 - Line up for the parade on the ballpark road at 11:15.
 - Get as many trucks in the parade as possible.
- Family Picnic
 - It was discussed and decided that the event would be scratched for this year. Plans will be made for a family event next year.
- Junior Firefighter Program
 - No new information.

New Business:

- Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
 - October 9th from 8:00-1:00.
 - Jim Glynn is the chairman for the event.
- Fire Prevention Week
 - Dave will help Eric come up with a plan for the week's activities.
 - The school hasn't announced the dates and times at this point.
- Messages from the Chief
 - The new foam is in. At this point it can only be used in the propack at 3%. A new nozzle and foam tube have been ordered for 7382 in order to use the foam. The foam is good on all fires including ethanol.
 - Thank you for the great turnout for the fires lately. Guys keep up the great work.

- Motion to Adjourn - Jim Glynn

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10-04-2022

Meeting was called to order by Secretary David Witt.

13 members were present for roll call.

Damon Duran and Anthony Broome were in attendance. They are interested in joining the department.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Raffle Tickets
 - Get out and sell.
 - Paul, Butch, Mike and Dave have extra tickets to distribute.
 - The number of tickets currently turned in for the month is unknown.
- Pancake Fundraiser
 - Jim Glynn will need help getting the chairs and tables on Saturday.
 - Setup will start at 6:30 on Sunday morning.
 - Breakfast will be served from 8:00-1:00
 - It will be a blue shirt event.
- Fire Prevention Week
 - Activities with the students are planned for October 11th and 12th.
 - Andrew Wolter and Dave Witt volunteered to help Eric with the events.
- Applefest
 - Thank you to all of the members who drove trucks in the parade.
- Junior Firefighter Program
 - No new information.

New Business:

- Messages from the Chief
 - The City wants us to keep a record of the approximate number of gallons taken from hydrants after each use.
 - Eric mentioned that if we need to keep track of gallons that the city should provide us with a meter to do so.
 - There will be a sheet to record the date and number of gallons used in the office.
 - During cold weather make sure to close all drain valves prior to leaving the fire hall.
- Hose Tester
 - Hollingsworth from Oakes was wondering if or when we would like to use the hose tester.

- Model A
 - Paul made mention that the Model A still needs to be stored in a building.
- Hydrants Out of Service
 - The hydrants by Don Reed's house and the water plant by the college are currently out of service.
- New Members
 - Thomas Hennessey was voted in as a new member.
 - Damon Duran and Anthony Broome turned in applications and will be voted on at the November meeting.

- Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

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11-01-2022

Meeting was called to order by Chief Mike Thorp.

12 members were present for the roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Raffle Tickets
 - Get out and sell.
 - 68 books have been turned in so far.
- Pancake Fundraiser
 - The fundraiser netted \$2,900.00.
 - Thanks to everyone that was able to help with the event.
 - Next year more eggs need to be purchased.
 - Next year we will switch to the new sausage.
- Fire Prevention Week
 - Thank you to Eric for planning and executing the Fire Prevention program.
 - Thank you to Jimmy and Dave for helping during the week.
 - Thank you to Toscha Fuher for helping with the activities.
 - Thank you to the Auxiliary for purchasing the supplies handed out to the students.
- Model A
 - Mike and Harold will get the truck put into storage this week.
- Junior Firefighter Program
 - The officers will be meeting this winter to work on the program details.
- Hydrants
 - All hydrants are back in service.
- Hose Tester
 - A plan will be set up in the spring to test hoses.

New Business:

- Messages from the Chief
 - Members remember to start pumps on the grass rigs prior to leaving the fire hall during cold weather.
 - Members need to relay the serial numbers off of all pagers to Mike.
- Gas Monitors
 - The monitors that were purchased with the Ellendale Area Foundation grant have arrived.
 - There are 4 gas monitors and 2 carbon monoxide monitors.
 - 1 individual will be assigned with the calibration of the equipment.

- Firefighter 1
 - The SE area will be providing an opportunity to take the firefighter 1 course in Wahpeton weekends Jan 7 through Feb 11.
- New Members
 - The vote on Anthony Brome will be delayed until a later meeting.
 - Damon Duran was voted on as a new member.
 - New members need to read the Standard Operating Guidelines and sign an acceptance of policies.
- Fire School
 - The school will be held Feb 23-26 in Minot.
- Parade of Lights
 - One tuck should be entered in the parade.

- Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

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12-06-2022

Meeting was called to order by assistant chief Tyler Middlestead.

14 members were present for the roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Raffle Tickets
 - Get out and sell.
 - 97 books have been turned in so far.
- Model A
 - The truck has been put into storage.
- Furnace
 - The furnace in the main fire hall will be replaced with a new one.
- Junior Firefighter Program
 - No new updates.

New Business:

- Messages from the Chief
 - Thank you to the members for the turnout to the incidents in 2022.
- Grant
 - The department received a grant from Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative for \$500.00 to be put towards the purchase of the new 7382.
- Calico Cat Fire
 - Any member that was involved should make out a report from their perspective in order to help make up the fire report.
 - In discussion it was noted that mutual aid may have been called sooner in order to reduce the exertion on our members.
- Firefighter 1
 - The SE area will be providing an opportunity to take the firefighter 1 course in Wahpeton weekends Jan 7 through Feb 11.
- Fire School
 - The school will be held Feb 23-26 in Minot.
 - Sign up is open.
 - Members should sign up as soon as possible in order to get into the desired classes.
 - Talk to Nolan if planning on attending.
 - 4 rooms have been booked.
- Gear Washing
 - Members will be required to wash their own gear from this day forward.

- The longest time requirement of the process is the drying.
 - Inners and outers are to be washed separately.
 - Swap out to used gear while the gear is in the cleaning process.
- Cleaning
 - New wipes have been purchased to wash hands and face.
 - New wipes have also been purchased to wash radios and equipment.
 - The wipes will be stored on the shelf where the radios used to be stored.
- Chaplin
 - A new position has been created.
 - Mike Thorpe appointed Damon Duran to the position.
- Clothes Dryer
 - Volunteers will be needed to build the new clothes dryer in the next year.
- New Trucks
 - The chassis for 7385 will be built some time from January through March.
 - The truck should be built by the end of 2023.
 - 7382 is on schedule.
- January Meeting
 - The meeting will be held Jan 9 at 6:00.
 - Dave will contact the board members.
 - The nominating committee will be Jim and Eric.
 - The cooking committee will be Butch, Nolan, Mike and Jim.

- Motion to Adjourn - Jerry Rekow