

Ellendale Fire Protection District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
01-07-2025

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe.

19 members were present for the roll call.

Thank you to the cooks for the meal and to the board members for attending.

Old Business:

- Fire Hall Lights
 - The lights have not been installed.
 - A page will be sent out looking for members to help install the lights when a date and time is known.
- State Fire School
 - February 27th -March 2nd.
 - Registration is open.
 - Rooms have been reserved.
 - Members going to fire school should make arrangements with Mike or Jacob.
- Raffle
 - 242 books turned in so far.
 - Jim discussed member duties for the raffle event.
 - The event will be a red shirt event.
- Auto Extrication
 - March 29.
 - Sign up on the NDFA website.
 - Heavy extrication will be held on June 21.
- MDU Grant
 - No new news.
- New Boots
 - Heiman representatives were on hand to demonstrate new types of bunker boots and extrication gloves to replace our current ones.

New Business:.

- Accountability Tags
 - New accountability tags were distributed to the members
- CPR
 - CPR training will be covered at the February training.
- Donations
 - Farmers Union Oil \$1,500.
 - Land O Lakes \$1,500 matching.
 - Ellendale Pharmacy \$500.
 - Tom and Sandy Ulmer \$3000.

- Pipeline Emergency Training
 - January 21st in Wyndmere.
 - January 23rd in Jamestown.
- Years of Service Pins
 - A 35 years of service pin was awarded to Jerry Rekow.
 - A 15 years of service pin was awarded to Tyler Middlestead.
- Messages From The Chief
 - Print nicely on the run reports.
 - Thank you to all of the members who turned out for the house fire.
- New Member Application
 - Preston Peterson turned in an application to the department.
- Resignation
 - Casey Armour turned in his resignation to the department.
- Photo
 - A group photo of the members will be taken after the meeting.
- Election
 - Thank you to Jim and Jerry 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.
 - Butch moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Thorpe.
 - Motion was 2nd by Dave.
 - Motion carried and Mike Thorpe was re-elected as Chief.
 - Assistant Chief
 - The nomination committee nominated Tyler Middlestead as Assistant Chief.
 - Dave moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Tyler Middlestead.
 - Motion was 2nd by Brandon.
 - Motion carried and Tyler Middlestead was re-elected as Assistant Chief.
 - Secretary
 - The nomination committee nominated David Witt for Secretary.
 - Brandon moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for David Witt.
 - Motion was 2nd by Quinn.
 - Motion carried and David Witt was re-elected as Secretary.
 - Training Officer
 - The nomination committee nominated Jacob Glynn for Training Officer.
 - Tyler moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Jacob Glynn.
 - Motion was 2nd by Dylan.
 - Motion carried and Jacob Glynn was re-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 Jacob.
- Motion carried and Eric Fuher was re-elected as Rescue Squad Leader.

Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

Ellendale Fire Protection District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
02-04-2025

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe.

11 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- Fire Hall Lights
 - The lights are planned to be installed at the end of February or beginning of March.
 - A page will be sent out looking for members to help install the lights when a date and time is known.
- State Fire School
 - February 27th -March 2nd.
 - Registration is open.
 - Rooms have been reserved.
 - Members going to fire school should make arrangements with Mike or Jacob.
- Raffle
 - Thank you to everyone for selling raffle tickets.
 - There were roughly \$37,800 earnings for the event.
- Auto Extrication
 - March 29 at the Ellendale Fire Hall.
 - Sign up on the NDFA website.
 - Heavy extrication will be held on June 21.
- MDU Grant
 - No new news.
- New Boots
 - A Heiman representative will be on hand at the next meeting. He will be bringing boots to try for sizing.
- ISO
 - In order to increase the ISO rating things that can be done are:
 - Fire safety ads.
 - Flyers in the newspapers about fire safety.
 - Conducting a large loss of life training at the school, nursing home, or college.
 - Hose testing, ladder testing.
 - A company could come in and do all of the testing for around \$3,000 per year with complete documentation.
 - Thank you to all of the members which helped with the truck inventories.
- Extrication Tools
 - The tools are to arrive in March.
- Ladder Truck

- The officers will have a meeting with applied digital on February 5th at the fire hall.

New Business:.

- CAD System
 - New with the pages is an additional page with directions to the incident.
 - Looking on the eDispatches app one can see all of the fire hydrants in Ellendale.
- Hazardous Mitigation
 - The meeting will be held February 20th at 7:00 at -----
 - It will cover area threats, needs and problems.
- Fireman's Ball
 - The committee will consist of Jerry and Dave.
- Golf Tourney
 - Corey mentioned that he thinks that we shouldn't do the tournament this year.
 - There are too many other conflicting tournaments during that time.
 - Attendance has been light for the event.
 - Minimal funds have been raised during the event.
- New Member
 - Preston Peterson has been voted on as a new member.
- 4-H Advisor
 - Volunteers are needed to assist with 5 fire safety stations at the event.
 - It will be held February 16th at 3:00 at the fairgrounds archery building.
 - Mike will send out a message closer to the event.
- Backpacks
 - Mike handed out personalized fire backpacks to all of the members for helping to sell raffle tickets this year.

Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

Ellendale Fire Protection District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

03-04-2025

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe.

16 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- **Fire Hall Lights**
 - The lights are planned to be installed prior to the end of March.
 - A page will be sent out looking for members to help install the lights when a date and time is known.
- **State Fire School**
 - Dillon and Jake discussed the classes which they attended.
 - Some of the classes included, forcible entry, RIT advanced mayday, and search beyond the basics.
- **Auto Extrication**
 - March 29 at the Ellendale Fire Hall from 8:00-5:00.
 - Sign up on the NDFA website.
 - Heavy extrication will be held on June 21.
- **MDU Grant**
 - The department was awarded the grant, unsure of the amount awarded.
- **Fire Cat**
 - April 7th the hose testing and ladder testing will be completed.
 - A volunteer needs to be around to move the trucks for the service.
 - The testing will cost the department \$2,900.
 - Having the testing done will increase our ISO rating.
 - The pancake fundraiser proceeds could potentially be used for this service.
- **Edispatch**
 - The new CAD system is in service.
 - It was decided to leave the current CAD pages the way that they are.
 - There are two more pages that come with every page with the new system.
 - In the future the fire hydrants will be labeled and the flow rating of the hydrant will be on the CAD system.
- **Thank You**
 - Thank you to everyone that helped with the 4-H demonstrations.
 - Thank you to everyone who helped cut up the cribbing.
- **Golf Tournament**
 - After a vote it was decided not to have the golf tournament this year.
- **Radios**
 - All of the radios have been received.
 - The radios will go into effect at the end of 2026.

New Business:.

- Husband/Wife Banquet
 - The banquet will be April 12th at the American Legion.
- Training
 - Training for the April meeting will begin at 6:00 with the meeting to follow around 8:00.
- Burn Ban
 - The county burn ban has been reinstated.
 - There should be no burning during very high, extreme and red flag conditions.
- Dickey County Fair
 - The fair is going to donate the proceeds of the fair on July 12th to the local fire departments.
 - The departments include: Ellendale, Oakes, Forbes, Fullerton.
- Ambulance Mutual Aid
 - The department has a mutual aid agreement in place now.
 - The department will respond to all vehicle accidents, entrapments and rescues.
- Grants
 - The Ellendale Area Foundation grant has been applied for.
- Extrication Tools
 - The new electric extrication tools have been placed on 7382.
- New Member Application
 - Daryl Monette turned in an application.
- Barricades
 - There will be barricades placed on roads surrounding Applied Digital due to road damage from the employees.
 - Applied has an alternate route utilizing 87th Avenue going north of the facility.
- District Board Meeting
 - March 24th at the fire hall.

Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

Ellendale Fire Protection District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
04-01-2025

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe.

14 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- Fire Hall Lights
 - The lights have been installed.
 - Thank you to Quin and Nolan for helping with the removal.
- Auto Extrication
 - Eric discussed the highlights of the training.
 - Thank you to everyone that participated.
- Heavy Extrication
 - The training will be held June 21st.
 - Sign up on the NFPA website.
 - Some new struts may be there for demonstration.
- MDU Grant
 - The department received a grant for \$2500.00 from the MDU Resources Foundation.
 - The grant will be used to purchase a ground monitor, nozzles, and a medical bag.
- Area Foundation Grant
 - 4 new nozzles were applied for.
- Pump Testing
 - The testing will take place on April 3rd.
- Hose and Ladder Testing
 - Fire Cat will conduct the hose and ladder testing on April 6th.
 - The hoses will need to be pulled off of the grass rigs for the testing.
- Husband Wife Banquet
 - The banquet will be April 12th at the American Legion.
 - The social will start at 6:00, and the meal will start at 6:30.
- Dickey County Fair
 - The fair board is going to donate proceeds made at the fair on July 12th to the local departments.
 - Ellendale and Oakes will receive \$2,000.00 each and Forbes and Fullerton will each receive \$1,000.00.
 - The band will also donate the tips made during the evening.
- Trucks
 - The hydraulic hose reels have been hooked up on 7383.
- Applied Digital Barricades
 - The barricades have been put up on roads around Applied Digital.
 - The barricades are small and easy to move in case of an emergency.

New Business:.

- District Board Meeting
 - The meeting was held on March 24th.
 - The board approved spending \$165,000 to replace 7381.
 - The board approved doing the raffle another year.
- Raffle
 - The committee will remain the same as last year.
 - The tickets will be ready for sale in August or September.
- State Rural Water
 - April 22nd the various zones in the city will be tested for a pressure rating and flow rates.
 - The flow rates will be added to eDispatch.
 - It is part of the ISO requirements.
 - It is on a 4-5 year cycle and is done at no cost to the department.
- Regional Fire School
 - The school will be held in Dickinson April 24-27.
 - Members interested should sign up on the NDFA website.
- Carbon Monoxide/Fire Safety Summit
 - The summit is put on by State Farm on May 6th in Grand Forks.
- Charlie Russell
 - Charlie is currently taking treatments for throat cancer.
 - He is in Fargo Monday through Friday and is home on the weekends.
 - A benefit may be planned to help Charlie.
 - If information is needed state radio can be contacted.
 - The ambulance may be able to assist as well during an incident.
- New Members
 - Justin Pakonen attended the meeting and has turned in his application.
 - Daryl Monette was voted on as a new member.

Motion to Adjourn - Quin Merkens

Ellendale Fire Protection District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
05-06-2025

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe.

9 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- Hose Testing
 - Firecat will be here June 7th.
 - Jerry is tentatively lined up to help with moving trucks.
- Grants
 - The Ellendale Area Foundation approved the department for \$4,500.00
 - The grant will be used to purchase 4 new nozzles.
- Heavy Extrication Training.
 - The training is scheduled for June 21st.
 - We will know by the June meeting if the training will happen.
- State Rural Water
 - They had equipment troubles and the flow testing did not happen on April 22nd.
- Charlie Russel
 - He had his last dose of radiation.
 - There will be a benefit for him when he is back.

New Business:.

- NDFA Convention
 - The convention will be held in Minot June 5th through the 7th.
- Notes From The Chief
 - Fill trucks and pumps after each call.
 - Keep gear cleaned and washed.
 - Wash with 6-8 oz of soap.
- USDA Inspection
 - A person from the USDA is coming to inspect 7382 for the grant we received.
 - They will do another inspection about every five years after that.
- New Member
 - Justin Pakonen was voted on as a new member.
- Washing Trucks
 - Ideas for washing trucks have been discussed.
 - One idea is to have different crews be responsible for the washing quarterly.
 - Also, the trucks may be waxed annually in August or September prior to the Applefest parade.

Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

Ellendale Fire Protection District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
06-03-2025

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe.

16 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- Hose Testing
 - Firecat will be here June 16th at 8:00 am.
 - Jerry is tentatively lined up to help with moving trucks.
- Heavy Rescue Training
 - The training has been cancelled.
 - A propane fire simulation may be done instead.
- Band App
 - This is for group messaging.
 - The entire department can be messaged in the same message.
 - Tyler will help set it up.
- NDFA State Convention
 - It will be held June 5-7th in Minot.
- Raffle
 - The committee has started working on the tickets for 2026.
 - The department will need to see if we will be able to have the chili cookoff and bring outside food into the Legion.
- 7387
 - The motor for the hose reel currently is out of commission.
 - The front nozzles work again.
- Message From The Chief
 - Make sure to clean up trucks when they get back from a fire.
 - The new sign for the front of the building will be done soon.
- Flag
 - The question was raised whether a flag could be placed in front of the building.
- Dickey County Fair
 - July 12th the Ellendale, Oakes, Fullerton, and Forbes departments will receive donations for helping with the dualling pianos.
- State Rural Water
 - They are currently working on getting someone to cover our area.
 - Our testing will be done when someone is found.
- Model A
 - Work should begin on the truck.
 - Jerry knows a shriner that can fix the radiator.
 - It may be possible to store at the city recycling building.
 - Keep in the minutes.

- Benefit For Charlie
 - Corey is currently holding off on the benefit.
 - He is waiting until Charlie can partake in the event.

New Business:.

- First Aid Kits
 - There are kits in all 3 grass rigs, both pumpers, and 8910.
- Dickey County Health
 - They are holding a safety event for kids.
 - It will be held at South Park on July 15th from 4:30-6:30.
 - They asked the department to bring a truck, tools, and clothes that we use for incidents.
- Harold's Funeral
 - Dave will make a floral arrangement with his boots and helmet.
 - The bell will need to be put in 8910.
 - Corey and Jerry will drive the truck and ring the bell.
 - The kneeling fireman cut outs will be placed outside the church.
 - The procession may go past the fire hall.
 - Red polos should be worn to the funeral.
 - Members should show up at the church at 10:00.
 - No sirens.
 - Harold was a member for 44 years.

Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

Ellendale Fire Protection District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
07-01-2025

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe.

10 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- 7387
 - The front nozzle came off again.
 - Heiman is working on getting the parts needed for it.
 - Waiting on the motor for the reel hose.
- Dickey County Fair
 - July 12th the fair board would like to have help with the dualling pianos.
 - Ellendale, Oakes, Fullerton, and Forbes will share the donations received that night.
 - 6-8 members will be needed for the event.
 - Members sign up for a shift scooping ice cream with the auxiliary.
- Flow Testing
 - Still waiting for it to be done.
- Ellendale Area foundation
 - The foundation granted the department \$4,500.00 for new nozzles.
- First Aid Kits
 - Kits have been placed in the pumpers, grass rigs, and 8910.
- Fire Cat
 - The team will be here at 8 A.M. August 13th to test all of the hoses and ladders.
- Youth Safety Night
 - The event will be held July 15th 4:30-6:30.
 - Dickey County Health, EMS, Fire and other organizations will be there.
 - The department will be responsible for cooking burgers and hotdogs for the event.
- Live Propane Training
 - The training will be held on July 19th.
 - Register on NDFA.
- Raffle
 - The prizes for the raffle have been set.
 - The tickets are at the print shop.
- Model A
 - Keep in the minutes.
- New Sign
 - The sign has been finished and needs to be installed.
- Fundraiser for Charlie
 - The fundraiser may not happen.

- Charlie may not want to have one.

New Business:.

- Band App
 - The app will be used to announce meetings and other details rather than a group text message.
 - Members should get the app installed.
- District Meeting
 - The district board originally approved \$165,00.00 to replace the truck.
 - The build of the new truck came in over the budgeted amount allowed.
 - The new truck will resemble 7385 with a 550 extended cab ford but not as tall and not as big of tires.
 - The board approved at the meeting to increase the money allowed to \$235,000.00 to cover the cost of the truck build.
 - The board approved to pay \$50.00 per 4 hours of training at fire school and other regional trainings.
 - This will start Jan 1, 2026.
 - The board was asked to pay members \$20.00 per call, the board instead approved \$30.00 per call.
 - Members must meet meeting and training attendance guidelines outlined in the SOP's
 - Payments will be paid at the end of the year.
 - This will also take effect Jan 1, 2026.
 - The board increased the budget allowing for \$93,000 received from taxes rather than the \$76,000.00 received last year.

Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

Ellendale Fire Protection District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

08-05-2025

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe.

15 members were present for the roll call.

Ty Olson was in attendance for the meeting. He has turned in an application. He was a member of the Timber Lake Department.

Old Business:

- 7387
 - The new reel motor has been put on.
- Fire Cat
 - The team is to be here Wednesday August 13th at 8:00.
 - Jerry has volunteered to help.
- Hydrant Flow Testing
 - There is no new information.
- New Nozzles
 - The four new nozzles which were purchased with the Ellendale Area Foundation Grant have been placed on 7382.
- Raffle
 - The tickets will be printed August 6th.
 - Dave will distribute.
- New 7381
 - The truck has been ordered.
 - The truck is expected to arrive in 18-24 months.
 - The 1990 Chevy will be placed for sale.
- New Front Sign
 - The sign will be picked up the week of August 5.
 - 2 members will be required to take down the old sign and put up the new one.
- Dickey County Fair
 - Thanks to the members which helped with the dualling pianos and scooping ice cream with the auxiliary.
 - The department received \$2000.00 from the fair board and will receive an additional nearly \$500.00 for helping with the dualling pianos.
- Women's Auxiliary
 - Any wife or significant other interested in being on the auxiliary should talk to Paula Witt.
- Notes from The Chief
 - Make sure to wash trucks when they are returned if needed.
 - Keep turnout gear washed.

New Business:.

- SE Fireman's Golf Tournament
 - September 13, 9:00
 - \$50.00 per person entry fee.
- Dickey County Health
 - They thanked the department for cooking burgers and hotdogs for the safety night..
 - They also thanked the department for having a display.
- Propane Fire Training
 - The NDFA training taught members how to shut off valves on a burning propane tank.
- Ellendale Days
 - The event was previously known as Apple Fest.
 - The event will happen in September.
- Extrication Badges
 - Preston and Chris were presented with their new auto extrication badges.
- Resignation
 - Chris Chaffee turned in his resignation, and would like the opportunity to get back on the department when he is able to devote more time to it again.
- Fire Apparatus Storage Building
 - The new fire hall could potentially be built 3-5 years after the completion of the ambulance hall.

Motion to Adjourn - Paul Wedell

Ellendale Fire Protection District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

09-02-2025

Meeting was called to order by secretary Dave Witt.

10 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- 7387
 - The front bumper hose is still out of order.
 - The incorrect parts were sent to fix it.
- Fire Cat
 - The testing went well.
 - Only one 2.5" hose did not pass the testing.
 - Thanks to Jerry for helping with the testing.
- Hydrant Flow Testing
 - No date has been set but the testing is to be completed prior to freeze up.
- Raffle
 - Talk to Paul or Dave to get tickets.
 - Get out and sell.
- New Front Sign
 - The sign is at the fire hall.
 - A plywood back needs to be cut out for the sign and installed.
- Notes from The Chief
 - Make sure to wash trucks when they are returned if needed.
 - Keep turnout gear washed.
- Fireman's Golf Tournament
 - September 13, Oakes, ND.
 - 9:00-10:00 registration.
 - 4 Person teams with a \$200 registration fee.
- Ellendale Days
 - The parade is September 13 at noon.
 - Members should come to the fire hall at 8:00 to wash the fire trucks.
 - Try to enter as many trucks as possible.

New Business:

- Meeting Time
 - Starting in October meetings will start at 6:00 and training will follow.
 - The times will revert back again starting in April.
- Applied Digital
 - There will potentially be a tour of Applied Digital as they are nearing completion of the first building and the generator rooms.

- Starting the first of September Applied Digital is going to be working shifts 24 hours per day.
- Fan
 - There is a new DeWalt fan in the rear compartment of 7382.
 - Any DeWalt battery will work with the fan.
- New Member
 - Ty Olson was voted on as a new member.

Motion to Adjourn - Corey Gulke

Ellendale Fire Protection District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

10-07-2025

Meeting was called to order by secretary Dave Witt.

8 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- Hydrant Flow Testing
 - The testing is to be done in October.
- Raffle Tickets
 - Talk to Paul or Dave to pick up tickets.
 - Get out and sell.
- Pancake Breakfast
 - October 12 from 8:00 to 1:00.
 - Setup will start at 6:30.
 - Members please work which hours are best suited for each individual.
 - Members which are involved with harvest will need to leave earlier.
- Notes From The Chief
 - Keep bunker gear and wildland gear washed up.
 - October through March the meeting will begin at 6:00 with training to follow.
 - As cold weather approaches remember to close drains prior to leaving the fire hall to prevent freeze ups.

New Business:.

- New Members
 - Keep trying to find new members.
- Diesel Trucks
 - If the trucks are returning to the fire hall low on fuel remind Mike so that #1 fuel or a blend can be put in the trucks for the upcoming cold weather.
- Increased Traffic
 - Harvest season will bring increased traffic. When going to an accident call make sure to bring the support vehicles(8910,7385,and 7387) with the traffic signs and hi visibility vests. Make sure to put out safety cones for our safety.
- Mutual Aid
 - With the large number of members involved with farming don't be afraid to call for mutual aid when needed. For big events have state radio to page out for additional help as some members may be able to get away to respond.
- Firefighter 1
 - As stated in the bylaws new members are to make an attempt to pass the firefighter 1 course.
- Fire Safety Week

- James Jenkins and Chris Caruth may be able to help with the activities.
- Details and dates for the event are unknown.

Motion to Adjourn - Brandon Rall

Ellendale Fire Protection District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

11-04-2025

The meeting was called to order by secretary Dave Witt.

7 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- Hydrant Flow Testing
 - The testing has been completed.
 - Waiting on the final report.
- Raffle Tickets
 - Talk to Paul or Dave to pick up tickets.
 - Get out and sell.
- Pancake Breakfast
 - Thank you to everyone that helped out with the benefit.
 - The fund raiser brought in around \$3,500 after expenses.
- Notes From The Chief
 - Keep bunker gear and wildland gear washed up.
 - As cold weather approaches remember to close drains prior to leaving the fire hall to prevent freeze ups.
 - Thanks for the great turn out at the recent calls.

New Business:.

- Fire Safety Week
 - The school has been in contact and would like to wait till the end of November to do the activities.
 - The school would also like it if we would take a truck out to the colony and do a presentation.
 - This activity would take 2-4 members.
 - We can pretty much name the days that we want to do the activities.
 - Members which may be able to help are: James Jenkins, Chris Caruth, Justin Pakonen, and Dave Witt.
- New Sign
 - The plan is to remove the old sign and install the new sign on November 16.
 - Members which can potentially help are: Jake Glynn, Justin Pakonen, Eric Fuher, Brandon Rall, Paul Wedell and Dave Witt.
- New Member
 - Eli Maunu was voted on as a new member.
- Increased Traffic
 - With the winter weather approaching and increased traffic there is the risk for more traffic incidents.

- The police Departments may need to be relied on to help with traffic.
 - Members should familiarize themselves with the location of the equipment on the trucks.
 - Members should read through the traffic incident protocols.
 - Members that have not taken an EVOC training course should do so as time allows.
- Fire School
 - Members should try to attend the current year's fire school.
- Husband/Wife Banquet
 - Are there any ideas for this year's banquet?
- Trunk or Treat
 - Jake Glynn suggested that the fire department take part next year.
 - He mentioned that all of the other first responders take part.
- Water
 - Paul Wedell asked if anything has been done to remedy the water running into the fire hall during large rain events.

Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

Ellendale Fire Protection District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

12-02-2025

The meeting was called to order by secretary Dave Witt.

12 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- **Raffle Tickets**
 - The raffle event is January 10th.
 - Talk to Paul or Dave to pick up tickets.
 - Get out and sell.
 - The committee will have a list of assignments up on the board at the January meeting. Members should let the committee know if the assignment will not work.
- **New Station Sign**
 - The goal is to get the sign put up in December.
 - Mike will watch the weather to find a saturday or sunday when the weather is nice and he will send out a page looking for assistance.
- **Notes From The Chief**
 - Keep bunker gear and wildland gear washed up. According to dates in the record book. Some gear has not been washed for a long time.
 - As cold weather approaches remember to close drains prior to leaving the fire hall to prevent freeze up.
 - Make sure the pump heaters are turned on in 7382 and 7383.
- **Fire Safety Week**
 - No new information.
- **Husband/Wife Banquet**
 - Looking for new ideas for the event.
- **Fire School**
 - Fire school will be held Feb 26th - March 1st.
 - Members go on to the NDFA website to sign up for classes.
 - Members interested in going to fire school should talk to Mike or Jake to make room arrangements.

New Business:.

- **Election of Officers**
 - The nomination committee will consist of Jerry Rekow and Jim Glynn.
 - They will interview members and bring their nominations to the election.
- **Cooking Committee**
 - The cooking committee will consist of Mike, Jim, Nolan, and Dillon.
- **Group Photo**

- Members should wear their blue t-shirts to the meeting for a group photo to follow the meeting.
- New Bunker Gear
 - The Heiman representative will be at the February meeting to do gear fitting for the members which will be getting new gear this year.
 - Mike will be in contact with the members who are due for new gear.
- Incentives Granted by the Board
 - The board approved incentives for the members at the July board meeting.
 - The new incentives will begin on January 1st 2026.
 - A \$30.00 incentive per call will be paid to the members at the end of the year.
 - Members will be paid \$50.00 per 4 hours of training that are outside of our district.
 - The current mileage, meals and per diem will remain the same.
- Traffic Signs
 - Stop/slow traffic signs have been ordered for 7385, 7387, and 8910.
 - These vehicles often are used for traffic control.
- Applied Digital
 - Building 1 is up and running.
 - Is there a phone number to call to check to see if the alarms are false prior to going to the site.
- Ice Melt
 - There is ice melt on 7385, 7387, 8910, and 7382.
 - The ice melt is to be used during traffic control for the members' safety on icy roads.
- Trinity Walk Through
 - A walk through of the campus will be done during the February training.
- Meal Supplement
 - Paul asked if a payment is to be made in exchange for the meals which the members used to receive according to the bylaws?
- Fire Fighter 1
 - Will a group be put together to start on fire fighter one training for the new members.
 - According to the bylaws an attempt at fire fighter 1 is required for all members.
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