

## Ellendale Fire Protection District

# Monthly Meeting Minutes

**03-03-2026**

The meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe

13 members were present for the roll call.

### Old Business:

- Fire School
  - Fire school was attended by Preston, Quinn, Justin, and Jake.
  - They spoke briefly about the classes that they attended.
- Husband Wife Banquet
  - After some discussion it was decided to move the banquet to December as a Christmas party.
  - Reimbursement checks for call attendance can be handed out at the occasion.
- I.D. Badges
  - A list will be taken to Applied Digital to get entry badges for incidents at the site.
- Auto Extrication
  - Extrication training is planned for March 28th at 8:00.
  - Sign up for the training on the NDFA web site.
- Heavy Extrication
  - Oakes may do a regional training in June.
  - More information will be available at the next meeting.
- Applied Digital Tour
  - The tour is planned for March 21st at 9:00 am.
  - Meet at the fire hall at 8:30 and carpool to the site.
  - Members will need to stop and get visitor badges prior to entering the site.
- Siren 2020
  - The radios are expected to be put into service in the 3rd quarter of 2026.
- New Extrication Gloves
  - New gloves were handed out to the members.
- Emergency Plug
  - There is a plug to disable electric vehicles in the front passenger door pocket of 7382.
- Annual Meeting
  - The annual meeting will be held March 23rd at 7:30 pm at the fire hall.
- Grant
  - The Ellendale Area Foundation grant was applied for.
  - A unmanned blitz fire attack nozzle was applied for with the grant.
- FF1
  - Members which have not taken the FF1 course should plan on taking the course starting this fall.
  - More information will be available at a later date.

- New Building Sign
  - The sign may be put up after the applied digital tour if time and weather allows.

#### New Business:

- Training
  - Training will begin at 6:00 with the meeting to follow beginning in April.
- Note From The Chief
  - Members are asked to refrain from sharing information about calls to the general public.
  - Members should keep an eye out for opportunities for new members.
    - The question was asked, what needs to be done to help with recruitment?
      - One thought was to change the wordage about the FF1 and FF2 requirements on the new member application.
- Membership
  - Eli Maunu has moved from the district and will be removed from the roster.
  - Eric moved that Ross Seefeld be removed from the roster.
    - Justin 2nd
    - Motion was approved.
    - Ross will be removed from the roster.
  - Porter Glynn turned in an application as a new member. His new membership will be voted on at the next meeting.
- Dickey Rural Networks
  - DRN would like to sponsor free ice cream at the Dickey County Fair.
  - DRN would like to hand out free cones. It was asked if they could do a bowl instead in order to make it easier to scoop the hard ice cream.
- Challenge Coins
  - Justin asked if it would be possible for Ellendale Fire Protection District to have some of the coins produced for future fire schools and events.

Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher