

Elburn & Countryside Fire Protection District

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Foreign Fire Insurance Board Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

DATE: 11/07/2025

Time: 07:30

TO: ECFPD Trustees, Chief Officers, Members, District Attorney & General Public

FROM: Merry Morris, Payroll & Accounting Specialist

LOCATION: Station One, 200 East Route 38, Elburn IL. 60119

The meeting was called to order by President E. Daffron at 7:40 am.

Open Forum / Public Comments:
None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Secretary S. Walter.

Roll Call:	(X) President: E. Daffron	(X) Board Member: C. Spitzock
	(X) Secretary: S. Walter	(X) Board Member: A. Poynor
	(X) Treasurer: T. Lange	(X) Board Member: S. Coomes
	(X) Deputy Chief M. Hanson	

Public in Attendance:
M. Morris, M. Didenko

Approval of Minutes:

- a) Motion to approve Meeting Minutes for the 09/05/25 meeting.
A motion was made by A. Poynor to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by S. Coomes. It was voted on and passed.

Deputy Chief M. Hanson noted that the ceiling props approved at the 9/5/25 meeting need to be stored in the hose tower, and they are still not there. There was a brief discussion about the location of the prop, and Lt. Coomes stated it would not fit with the hose rack there. President Daffron noted that the roof ladder is 16 weeks out, and there was discussion as to whether we needed the ladder or could make do with what we have.

Treasurer's Report / Payment of bills:

- a) Motion to approve treasurer's report presented by Treasurer Lange
A motion was made by President Daffron to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Deputy Chief Hanson. It was voted on and passed.

President E. Daffron noted that he would transfer money after the pending expenditures are paid.

OLD BUSINESS:

Deputy Chief Hanson wanted to know when we are going to clean up the hose tower. He doesn't want everyone to decide it needs to be done, and then it doesn't get done. Discussion ensued and the "if you touch it, you own it" philosophy was talked about. DC Hanson will write up a plan to get this accomplished.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Costco budget increase

A brief discussion was had about the cost of everything going up, and needing to increase the budget. A motion was made by DC Hanson to approve the request in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00. The motion was seconded by T. Lange. It was voted on and approved with a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

7 Ayes
0 Nays
0 Absent

b) Oceanid Water Rescue Craft

A discussion was held on this proposal, and whether we would also need to keep the boat and trailer we currently have. It was mentioned that Lt. Suriano as the lead for this could decommission the current boat, and write up new policies and procedures for the new rescue craft. It was also noted that we cannot just get rid of things as they are on an asset list, so they may need to be put on iBid. A motion was made by T. Lange to approve the request in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00. The motion was seconded by S. Coomes. It was voted on and approved with a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

6 Ayes
1 Nays
0 Absent

BC Spitzock left the meeting to go on a call.

c) Fire Hooks Unlimited Hydra-Ram

T. Lange gave a summary of this proposal. A brief discussion ensued. Deputy Chief M. Hanson suggested that we get 2 or 3 of them, one for each station. A motion was made by T. Lange to amend the proposal to include 3 units in an amount not to exceed \$8,000. The motion was seconded by President E. Daffron. It was voted on and approved with a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

6 Ayes
0 Nays
1 Absent

d) Sauna for 3 stations

Lt. M. Didenko explained the proposal and the options. Handouts were passed around that included pictures of the units. President E. Daffron noted that there is more to it than just approving the saunas. There would be building considerations and other things involved. DC Hanson agreed that there are other things that need to be considered. The benefits of the sauna, the science behind it, the cost of electrical installation all of the way to the panel, etc. He recommends tabling until we have more information on the science, location of them, electrical, and so forth. DC Hanson does not want an open-ended plan. He would like to see more policy and science behind it. It was agreed to table this for now.

e) NPPFA Comprehensive Financial Planning

President E. Daffron explained this proposal. DC Hanson talked about the benefits of this program. Discussion ensued about how it works, the initial and ongoing cost of the program, and the benefits. It was also mentioned that the program was voluntary, and the Board could decide to stop funding in the future. President E. Daffron made a motion for the Foreign Fire Board to cover \$50 per month for 12 months for all full time employees. Lt. A. Poynor seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved with a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

6 Ayes
0 Nays
1 Absent

Other Matters/Concerns:

None.

A motion to adjourn was made by S. Walter. S. Coomes seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 am.