North Maine Fire Protection District

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FIRE CHIEF
Robert Greiner

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Dagmar Rutzen
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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH MAINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS MAY 13, 2026

A regular meeting of the North Maine Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the North Maine Fire Station #1 located at 9301 Potter Road, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016, pursuant to notice.

CALL TO ORDER: Chief Greiner called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:	Treasurer Dagmar Rutzen and Trustee Barry Juister
ABSENT:	None
ALSO PRESENT:	Fire Chief Robert Greiner, North Maine FPD; Attorney John Motylinski, Ottosen DiNolfo; Dhara Patel, Lauterbach & Amen (L&A); Joel Babbitt, NPPFA Benefits; Rene Mandin, Member of the Public

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Board stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS: *Joel Babbitt, NPPFA employee post-employment healthcare savings account:* Joel Babbitt provided a presentation regarding a NPPFA post-employment healthcare savings account. No action is needed at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S): *April 8th, 2026, Regular Meeting Open Session Minutes:* The Board reviewed the April 8, 2026 regular meeting open session minutes. A motion was made by Trustee Juister and seconded by Trustee Rutzen to approve the April 8, 2026 regular meeting open session minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rene Mandin addressed the Board as a prospective Trustee candidate and introduced himself to the Board of Trustees.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2026. The District's beginning balance as of April 1, 2026 was $8,308,313.71. The District received deposits during the month of April in the amount of $1,969,023.86. The April expenses totaled ($575,532.57) and the April in-and-out transfers were $546,494.97. The April net balance change was

$1,393,491.29. As of April 30, 2026, the District's ending balance was $9,701,805. A motion was made by Trustee Juister and seconded by Trustee Rutzen to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Motylinski updated the Board on legislation applicable to the Fire Protection District as well as the Pension Fund.

FIRE CHIEF AND TRUSTEE REPORTS: Chief Greiner informed the Board of the following:

- *RED Center:* The Department ran 248 calls in April 2026.
- *NIPSTA*: There were no significant updates.
- *MABAS:* There were no significant updates.
- *Safety Committee*: There were no updates.
- *Apparatus Update*: There were no updates.
- North Maine FPD Updates:
    - Lieutenant Andrew Klatt passed away on April 14, 2026 and the surviving spouse benefits were approved
    - North Maine FPD provided dinner for the RED Center Dispatch in recognition of telecommunicators' week
    - Details are currently being finalized for department photos and identification cards; they will be completed once all members return to duty
    - A draft of the 2025 audit was presented to the underwriters for approval
    - 2014 Spartan Engine has been returned and placed back into service, the District expressed appreciation to Niles Fire Department for loaning their engine to us during the repairs made to the Spartan Engine
    - FEMA grant site is back in operation; a notification has been received for grant approval for thermal imaging cameras
    - Trey Tardio has returned from deployment and is currently on post deployment leave; he is scheduled to return on June 2, 2026
    - Positive pay for paper checks and ACHs will be implemented shortly

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: *May 13, 2026, Check Register and Disbursement Summary (Approval):*

North Maine FPD Disbursements May 13, 2026		
Checks:	Check #'s 8336-8380	$133,838.14
	ACHs – April	$55,344.74
Total Checks:		**$189,182.88**
Payrolls:	April 10, 2026	$116,572.32
	April 24, 2026	$117,638.73
Total Payrolls:		**$234,211.05**
Total Disbursements:		**$423,393.93**

A motion was made by Trustee Juister and seconded by Trustee Rutzen to approve the May 13, 2026 Check Register and Disbursement Summary in the amount of $423,393.93 as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion/Possible Approval of a resolution authorizing the addition of the NPPFA Retirement Healthcare Funding Plan (RHFP): The Board noted that further discussion regarding the NPPFA Retirement Healthcare Funding Plan will be held at the next regular meeting.

Discussion/Possible Approval of Proposed purchases of the Foreign Fire Tax Board: The Board discussed the proposed purchases of the Foreign Fire Tax Board members. A motion was made by Trustee Rutzen and seconded by Trustee Juister to approve the proposed purchases of the Foreign Fire Tax Board as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion/Possible Approval to purchase Knox MedVaults for fire emergency vehicles and station to secure narcotics, per new DEA ruling: The Board discussed purchasing Knox MedVaults for the fire emergency vehicles and station to secure narcotics, per the new DEA ruling. A motion was made by Trustee Juister and seconded by Trustee Rutzen to approve the purchase of four Knox MedVaults for the fire emergency vehicles and station as discussed. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

CLOSED SESSION: There was no need for closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Juister and seconded by Trustee Rutzen to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the North Maine Fire Station #1 located at 9301 Potter Road, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016.

Dagmar Rutzen
Trustee Signature

6/10/26
Date Approved by Board

Minutes prepared by Dhara Patel, Professional Services Administrator, Lauterbach & Amen