

FAIRDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

DATE: March 9, 2026

COMMITTEE: Board of Trustees

PLACE: Station 1

CHAIR: Rick Johnstone

TIME: 7:03 pm

RECORDER: Melanie Coomer

PRESENT: Scott Clark, Greg Longacre, Mark Leach, Carrie Blevins, Stephen Cahill, Josh McIntosh, Danny Bale, Troy Newkirk, Mary Taylor, Mindy Stoess, Rick Johnstone, Josh Mouser, Luke Rhode

ABSENT:

Topic/Agenda Item	Significant Findings/Discussion/Conclusion	Recommendation	Action/Follow-up
CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Johnstone called the meeting to order		
GENERAL BUSINESS			
APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	The minutes from the last meeting were approved as written	Mot: Luke Rhode 2nd: Troy Newkirk	Motion passed with no objections
FINANCIAL REPORT	Republic Bank General Checking \$203,624.63, General ICS account (2.86%), \$1,144,479.07., Payroll Account \$94,999.28, Reserve account \$0.00, Excess from operating ICS (Reserve) (2.86%) \$1,824,770.94, Peak Performance \$1.00, Current year tax ICS (2.86%) \$3,630,770.81, Total monies \$6,898,770.73. A motion was made to accept the financial report.	Mot.- Scott Clark 2nd.- Mindy Stoess	Motion passed with no objections
INVOICES TO BE PAID	Invoices for February: \$39,761.09 is the total for our monthly bills. Total for all invoices paid \$69,201.52. A motion was made to accept the invoices to be paid.	Mot. – Luke Rhode 2nd – Scott Clark	Motion passed with no objections
OLD BUSINESS			
SURPLUS 2003 SEAGRAVE (9035)	Sold the Seagrave to Valley Creek; they have a check ready to give us for \$20,000, plus they will pay the commission. Our title was a copy, and it still had a lien on it. Chief took all the paperwork to the Clerk’s office, and the new title is getting processed.	Informational Only	Informational only
NEW BUSINESS			
AQUIRING EMS DIVISION FROM THE HOLDING COMPANY	The process that has gone on in Jefferson County is having the Holding Company apply for the CON and after a certain amount of time having the district acquire all the assets of the EMS service and then the CON passes with the acquiring the assets. Mark wants to coordinate with Christian to make sure this will not affect any of the bonds before drawing up a purchase agreement with the fire department.	Informational only	Informational only

	<p>The new tax money based off EMS cannot be spent on EMS for a year.</p> <p>Mark is going to ask another district to see how they handled the acquisition of the assets.</p> <p>The Finance Committee will meet to discuss the additional information before the next Board Meeting.</p>		
ECLIPSE ICS ACCOUNTS	<p>Wes from Eclipse Bank reached out, and the loan was deposited into the General Checking Account. They can give us 6 months fixed rate, but they have an ICS account they can put the money into, which will earn interest at 3.25%. It's a little more than Republic. The account is more secure than a regular checking.</p> <p>This \$2 million is being used for payroll. Every week, money will be transferred for payroll.</p> <p>A motion was made to open an ICS General Operating Account at Eclipse Bank</p> <p>A motion was made to keep the 3 same check signers for the ICS Account: Carrie Blevins, Rick Johnstone, Josh McIntosh</p>	<p>Mot: Troy Newkirk 2nd: Greg Longacre</p> <p>Mot: Scott Clark 2nd: Danny Bale</p>	
<p>BOARD OF TRUSTEES – ELECTION COMMITTEE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PROPERTY OWNER • MAYOR APPOINTEE 	<p>Rick Johnstone's term is up this year, and Troy's appointment by the Mayor is also up this year, and he intends to step down.</p> <p>The Property Owner has a term of 4 years, and the Mayor Appointee has a term of 3 years. The election is in June on the 27th from 11am – 2pm.</p> <p>We need 2 people to work the booth. Decisions will be made at next meeting.</p>	Informational only	Informational only
COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS			
BUILDING/GROUNDS	<p>Now that the weather seems to have taken a change to the warmer side, outside projects will be starting up again.</p>	Informational	Informational
FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE	<p>Marshal's office no new projects have come across his desk.</p>	Informational	Informational
TRAINING OFFICE/SOG COMMITTEE	<p>Chief Cahill – Suggested changes have been made to the Uniform Policy, and it was reviewed by the attorney.</p> <p>A motion was made to accept the Uniform Policy as written with edits.</p>	<p>Mot: Danny Bale 2nd: Mindy Stoess</p>	Motion passed with no objection

	<p>Last week, the crews had 26 hours of training, 16 hours were from Major Clark</p> <p>Major Clark, Major Carter, and Chief Cahill attended a class on Firefighters and Cancer. The amount of information that they did not know and received at the class was astronomical.</p> <p>Chief Cahill would like to hold a class at the station for the Board Members if they are interested.</p>		
TRUCK COMMITTEE	<p>Engine 81 is in the bay. Each of the crews are working on drive time.</p> <p>One crew member has completed pumping.</p> <p>Waiting on some tools to arrive</p>	Informational	Informational
	<p>A motion was made to go to Executive Session No Action was taken A motion was made to leave Executive Session</p>	Mot: Scott Clark 2nd: Danny Bale	Motion passed with no objection
	<p>A motion was made to come out of Executive Session</p>	Mot: Scott Clark 2nd: Mindy Stoess	Motion passed with no objection
MOTION TO ADJOURN		Motion: Greg Longacre 2nd: Troy Newkirk	

Respectfully submitted,

SCOTT CLARK
Secretary of the Board