

NAFRS JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES - approved
June 26, 2025 at 8:00am
NAFRS Training Room

1. Call to order & roll call

Present: Alderks, Dahlen, Lawson, Peterson, Switzer

Ex Officio: Teppen, Odette, Schroepfer

Nelson, Faust, Simonson, Hamblin

2. Approval of Agenda

Add agenda item 5c: 2.0 JP Update

Motioned by Lawson; seconded by Peterson. All in favor.

3. Consent Agenda¹ Motioned by Switzer; seconded by Peterson. All in favor.

a. Minutes of 04/17/2025 (no May Meeting)

b. Monthly Financials – Abdo Financial Solutions

c. Disbursements:

a. Operations \$23,319.65

b. Capital \$0

d. LMCIT Annual Liability Coverage Waiver – “Do not waive”

e. Fire Chief performance review and compensation adjustment

4. Reports

a. Committee Reports/Updates

- Capital Equipment – (No May meeting) Peterson reported they hope to maintain their account. Next meeting is in July to approve.
- Finance –Abdo conversion update.
Lawson reported that that regular Zoom meetings continue to happen each month with Abdo each month, and progress continues in developing the processes.
- Personnel – Teppen reported that the Personnel Committee will meet in June to review and discuss how the Fire Chief’s compensation was determined in 2022 (none of the PC members were on the NAFRS Board when the position was established).

b. Chief’s Report

Nelson spoke to items in the Chief’s Report, and the following items were mentioned, as well:

Faust: Newest recruits have completed response training; will begin FF1 and FF2 in August.

Simonson: Two change orders to Mini-Pumper were related to additional tools, with a cost of just under \$10,000.00, which Rescue Squad approved to cover and will get a check to NAFRS.

c. 2024 NAFRS Annual Report – Simonson delivered the Report to the Members and spoke to specific points throughout, answering questions as they arose.

1) Good news: recruiting was good, calls trending down.

¹ CONSENT AGENDA The proposed consent agenda is included in the JPB packet. The purpose of a consent agenda is to allow for routine motions, resolutions, and ordinances, or those previously discussed with consensus made, to be passed with one motion. These are still important and necessary considerations. The full background memo and materials are publicly available upon request. If a board member wants to discuss an item, the request it to be made by advance notice by noon on the Wednesday immediately prior to the meeting date to the Chair and/or Fire Chief, or without said prior notice, during the approval of the agenda.

2) Challenges: Apparatus and Capital cost increases.

5. Regular Agenda

a. Taxing District update – Alderks

Glen C. has spoken to Larry regarding the Taxing District. There are several issues that will keep the Tax District arrangement from moving forward. One is the counties systems are not able to handle the Taxing district Requirements that we are needing. The system updates could be 3+years away. Therefore, the focus on being a taxing district is years away and will return as an agenda item when another solution or remediation of the current system is identified.

b. Draft JPB and committee annual calendar – Alderks

The calendar that has been created is a guide to the committee chairs and JP Board on topics to be discussed and addressed at the meetings. Please use this assist in meeting agendas and deliverables.

c. 2.0 JP Update (added item – Alderks

Now that the Taxing District discussion has been delayed, we will be moving forward with presenting the bylaws to the legal team for input on updates.

6. Adjourned at 9:17am

Motioned by Dahlen, seconded by Peterson