

**NAFRS JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Approved)**  
**August 21, 2025 at 8:00am**

**1. Call to order & roll call (NAFRS Board Room)**

	Present	Absent
<b>Voting Members:</b>		
Alderks, Larry	X	
Dahlen, Peter	X	
Lawson, Jodi	X	
Malecha, Arlen	X	
Ness, Brad	X	
Peterson, Brian	X	
Stowe, Mike	X	
Switzer, Glenn	X	
<b>Ex-officio Members:</b>		
Edwards, Brian		X
Schroepfer, Jeff		X
Odette, Dean		X
Martig, Ben		X
Nelson, Tom	X	
Teppen, Jenelle	X	

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Called to order at 8am

Motion: Lawson; Seconded: Ness No discussion.

**3. Consent Agenda<sup>1</sup>**

- a. Minutes of 07/17/2025
- b. Monthly Financials – Abdo Financial Solutions
- c. Disbursements:
  - a. Operations \$77,680.06
  - b. Capital \$ 524,022.40

Motion: Lawson; Seconded: Dahlen No discussion.

**4. Vote on closed session. JP Board, and Teppen adjourn to the closed session**

Motion: Stowe; Seconded: Ness No discussion.

Closed session began with NAFRS Voting Members, and Teppen, in the Small Conference Room with Scott Landsman for Zoom meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

5. Adjourned Closed Session at 8:30am.

6. Return to Large Conference Room to resume Board Meeting and remaining agenda items.

7. Committee Reports/Updates

a. Capital Equipment – Peterson & Nelson

Simonson reported on the following:

- 8110 should be done late Nov./early Dec.

- Sept. 17 Tanker pre-build meeting, for 2026 delivery.

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Nelson: inspection was returned from Sutphen, to NAFRS, on 8128. The Capital Equipment Committee will work to determine what should be updated on the piece of equipment.

b. Finance – Ness/Lawson

Ness reported that Finance met on August 14, then handed over to Nelson.

Nelson reported that Alderks, Hamblin, and he met with Abdo on 8/20/25 regarding reports that we received. Included were what data/reports can be annually, monthly, etc. focusing on what is needed month to month. The breakdown reporting was what Alderks is looking for, which has been beneficial.

c. Personnel – Teppen

Teppen reported that the Finance Committee will not meet in Sept., due to the busyness of DJJD and will meet next in October.

8. **Chief's Report**

Nelson spoke to the Chief's Report and calls for July, which are running about the same; August has been up as of recently. Calls to Flying J have been up due to fuel spills; either trucking company has been invoiced for reimbursement of floor-dry, or Flying J will be invoiced if the trucking company cannot be identified.

Challenges: Changes at Rice/Steele with their call type/protocols. It's an overdue change but still experiencing some growing pains on their end. In the end, the micro-classifying call types will allow NAFRS to send proper vehicles to the scene, depending upon the call.

Faust reported that new recruits will begin FF1, and FFII, through Riverland next week. Another training was in August at St. Olaf on a Saturday with approx. a 50% turnout of our firefighters; Faust spoke favorably of the topics covered and training take-aways.

Simonson shared that we are gearing up for DJJD events between bingo, entertainment center, rodeo grounds, hospitality tent, etc. All planning is in the works.

9. **Regular Agenda**

a. Capitol Threshold information – Alderks

b. 2026 & 2027 NAFRS Party Percentages – Nelson

Tom reported on the deliverable attached

c. 2026 Budget Approval – Nelson

Nelson presented the budget with the finalized percentage allocation for Northfield, Dundas and Rural Fire.

Motion: Dahlen

Second: Lawson

Discussion: None.

10. **Adjourned at 9:25am**