

Present: President Jon Klym, Vice President Brian Buckman, Secretary Treasurer Corey Simnioniw, board members Sandy Baertsch, Kasey Malkowski, Dwayne Shypkoski, Don Fulton, Fire Chief Kyle Shockley, Assistant Fire Chief Cody Armbrust.

Also present: Julie Reis, Cody Reis

Meeting called to order

December 2025 minutes were reviewed, Brian Buckman made a motion to approve as read, Kasey Malkowski seconded, all present members were in favor.

Old Business:

- Hartford representative out of Killdeer working to present supplemental insurance prior to June 2026.
- 9103 is completed as grass unit for Fryburg, just need to pick it up. Either Garret Kessel will arrange within next few weeks or if not able, Kyle will arrange during trip up to Minot for Fire School.
- Medora New Tender fittings are all in now. The cost of these and items ordered for equipping 9103 will be covered by the Farm Credit Services grant with check due to be cut in February.
- 2340 Bill regarding Retention and Recruitment, State Fire Resources, Kyle attended another Bismarck meeting and is hopeful it's going in the right direction. He plans to attend another upcoming meeting for this.
- Forest Service Grant application due March 6th is being worked on. Submitting for turn out gear, wildland jackets and other PPE.
- The burn ban outline for 2026 is written up now, awaiting approval. It will start out following the Fire Index and be reviewed and adjusted as we get further into 2026.
- During the Fryburg and Fairfield Station meetings, the topic about moving away from station training officers to primarily relying on Kyle and Cody for training was brought up. The general discussion for these two stations was to leave station training officers in place for now and rely more on Kyle and Cody as backup when they're not available. Medora station meeting is upcoming and this topic will be brought up as well.
- TR Library update from Kyle. Meetings and further discussion have been taking place as well as forming a plan for the expected opening event this coming summer.

New Business:

2 new calls since last meeting, 2 YTD: 1/12 Tractor roll over Sully Creek Road, 1/20 Vehicle roll over I-94 MM24.

- The 2025 Board Election March meeting, minutes, and results were reviewed by the board. Brian made a motion to approve the 2025 Board Election results, Sandy Baertsch seconded, all present members were in favor. Moving forward, the approval will be set to take place at the next following board meeting.

Corey Simnioniw
2-18-2026

Jonath Klym
02/18/26

New Business (Continued):

- The September 2025 Budget meeting minutes regarding the 2026 budget were reviewed by the board. Sandy made a motion to approve the minutes, Don Fulton seconded, all present members were in favor. Moving forward, the approval will be set to take place at the next following board meeting.
- Cody has been working on a list of the 3 station's equipment (excluding trucks/grass units) and their value. Updates to the NDIRF insurance coverage of damaged/loss of equipment were brought to Kyle's attention. To see how the process goes, Cody is working on a submitted claim for a chainsaw considered a loss/damaged.
- Cody gave an update on heater issues (about ½) in the Fairfield Station are not operating. Martin's is scheduled to work on repairing this upcoming week.
- Incident stipend checks are being signed and going out. Similar to last year, a page outlining the Years of Service Plan benefit members will be included. Kyle passed around a copy of the page for board members to see prior to it going out.
- Sad news was given about Don Heiser passing away. Julie sent flowers and a thoughtful note to his family on behalf of the BDRFPD. Discussion ensued remembering him and appreciating the opportunity a good number of our members had celebrating with him, this past summer during his induction into the ND Firefighters Museum Hall of Fame.
- Sandy Baertsch brought attention a Quarterly Pledge Report from 1st State Bank for the board to review. Corey Simnioniw made a motion to approve this Quarterly Pledge Report, Brian seconded, all present members were in favor.
- Dwayne Shypkoski made a motion to approve the financial statement and pay bills, Kasey seconded, all present members all in favor.
- Dwayne made a motion to adjourn, Sandy seconded, all present members all in favor, meeting adjourned.