



Valley Fire & Rescue

28409 Huntington Road Apple Grove, WV 25502
P.O. Box 63



Valley Fire & Rescue General Business Meeting March 3, 2025

Call to order/ Roll Call:

The president called the meeting to order with prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Members In Attendance:

- John Hesson
- Zach Adkins
- Tyler Bonecutter
- Luke Tilka
- Roger Bennett
- Nathan McQueen
- Rebecca Ferrell
- Davian Dowden
- Heather Lang
- Shane Lang
- Brendan Langsdorf
- Alisha Hammond
- Cody Coleman

Public In Attendance:

- Shelby Vance (Twin Oaks FCU)

Financial Report:

Misc. Account: \$169,745.52

State Account: \$38,591.36

Zach Adkins: Motion to accept treasurer's report

Tyler Bonecutter: 2nd

Passed

Old Business:

Review of last month's business meeting minutes and discussion.

Zach Adkins: Motion to accept Old Business

Tyler Bonecutter: 2nd

Passed

New Business:

Shelbie Vance (Twin Oaks FCU):

Discussed financial services offered by Twin Oaks Federal Credit Union, specifically certified deposits for the fire department.

Luke Tilka: Presented February 2025 participation & call stats

John Tilton: Discussed taking down the old heater in bay and seeing if it can be salvaged or sold, volunteered to take it down.

Tyler Bonecutter:

March 22nd 7:00pm scheduled departmental team building event, more details TBD

Zach Adkins:

- SAFER GRANT
 - 9 have met training requirements.
 - TIM is online and a major hold up for members currently
 - If you don't meet the requirements, we can't give you stipends, if you don't meet the requirements by the 3 year mark you will be removed.
 - 144 stipends worth \$2,880 have been earned by 8 members so far.
- Ensure you are checking your email weekly at a minimum, get with Luke if you need assistance with email or ESO

- Easter egg sales start this week. Get with Becky for sheets
- Refrain from using offensive language in the station, I am getting complaints.
- We are beginning an addition to the training facility, we will need all the help we can get to make this happen, April 19 work day scheduled.
- We have added ValleyVFD.com/TV as a private link with updates, if people use and like this, we will add it to a TV in the bay with scrolling updates/information.
- You are responsible for your training records and keeping them entered into ESO
- Gun Show April 4-5 we need to get everything clean and plan concessions.
- Motion to allocate \$70,000 for an interest-bearing account, Board will determine where to invest into.

Nathan McQueen: 2nd Passed

- Duty Weekend Schedule posted for signups – get on the list ASAP
- Legislative session, there will be a lot of fire service-related things on their agenda.
 - 2 bills to turn control of the department over to county commission, standby for the need to reach out to representatives, lots of false hopes this will result in staffing and additional funding. Currently stalled, which is our goal
- We have missed 14.3% of calls this year, we need drivers and participation, this is the reasoning they are using for county commission takeovers statewide.
- Last year scratch rate was 4.9%
- Goal of 2.5% scratch rate for the year.
 - Next year the goal is zero.
- We need drivers:
 - contact any driving instructor to get driving time and work towards getting signed off to drive.
- Upcoming trainings:
 - Sissonville Fire School – See Zach for Registration
 - Cabell County Fire School, March 28 FREE
 - Recruitment Charleston April 5 FREE

- FF2 – April 26-27, May 3-4
- Rope A/O/T - TBD (MAY)
- ICS-300 June 20-22 / 400 August 16-17 (needed for Officer Positions)
- Live Fire Night – August 23
- EVOC December 13-14 (needed every 5 years)
- Working on water rescue classes

Rebecca Ferrell

-Easter eggs fundraiser needs to be started immediately. Need volunteers to make eggs. Money and orders will be due no later than March 31st.

Probationary Votes:

Wesley Amores:

Membership ballot voted to approve full membership after completion of the 1-year probationary period.

Issac Freeman:

Membership ballot voted to extend probationary status following the completion of the initial probationary period.

John Tilton:

Membership ballot voted to extend probationary status following the completion of the initial probationary period.

Isaiah Ramey

Membership ballot voted not to approve the extension of the probationary period beyond the initial probationary period.

Eli Cade

Membership ballot voted not to approve the extension of the probationary period beyond the initial probationary period.

Bobby Davis

Membership ballot voted not to approve the extension of the probationary period beyond the initial probationary period.

Zach Adkins: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting

John Hesson: 2nd

Meeting Adjourned

Luke Tilka

Member Taking Minutes:

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature:

3-3-25

Date:

