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# Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Huntley Fire Protection District 7/15/2025 at 9:00am Station One

Trustee Brown called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order. Roll call noted, present were Trustee Brown, Trustee Saletta, Trustee Palermo, Trustee Davis, and Trustee Fluhler. Also present were Chief Wagner, Deputy Chief Levendoski, Attorney Miller, Executive Administrator Callie Thompson, Administrative Assistant Tina Winters, Tom Sawyer, Lt. John Petty, and Alex Vucha.

The meeting opened at 9:00am.

Public Comments: None.

Correspondence: We received a thank you letter from a Cary Fire Trustee for taking care of their grandson.

Trustee Fluhler entered the meeting at 9:03am.

Presentations- Sawyer Falduto: Tom gave a brief presentation of the report in the packet.

Tom Sawyer left at 9:09am.

Treasurer's Report: Trustee Saletta motioned to approve the Treasurers Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$853,769.12, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Roll call noted and all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Lauterbach and Amen Budget Report: We are a little up on the expenses this month. Trustee Saletta motioned to approve the Lauterbach and Amen Report, which is in the Board packet, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Approval of Regular Minutes of June 17, 2025: Trustee Saletta motioned to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on June 17, 2025, with one correction, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

6-Month Review of Closed Meeting Minutes January 2025 – June 2025: Trustee Palermo motioned to approve the 6-month review of closed minutes, and keep them closed, seconded by Trustee Saletta. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Attorney Report: All Medicaid cuts will not go into effect until next year's mid-term elections. That probably means we will have GEMT until at least May of 2026. They will be cutting Medicaid to immigrants. If the governor does not sign the lift assist bill, it will automatically go into effect 30 days later. We are waiting to hear the effective date.

Appointment of Chief Wagner to Pension Board: Trustee Brown appointed Chief Wagner to the pension board.



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MERP LOAs: Trustee Davis motioned to approve the MERP LOAs between the union and the district, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Resolution 2025-02 MERP Implementation: Trustee Palermo motioned to approve resolution 2025-02, seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Resolution 2025-03 MERP Promoted Employees: Trustee Saletta motioned to approve resolution 2025-03, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

General Report: The Chiefs and Lt. Floyel met with Randy Reeder with flashpoint yesterday for our accreditation. We are just waiting to hear if we will receive the grant. We are still negotiating our contract with comcast. We are down five part-time members, and we have two more that have received offers for full-time employment elsewhere. We plan on filling all seven positions. We would like to hire two more paramedic-only employees so there is one per shift. The lieutenant test applications were due, and we received 10 applications. Lt. Gitzke was deployed to Texas. It could cost us quite a bit of money. Engine 943 should be returning by the end of the month. We received the NIOSH golden helmet award. We are making the repairs to the elevator and will retest again next year. Call volume has gone up since last year.

Attorney Miller left the meeting at 9:26am.

Attorney Miller returned to the meeting at 9:28am.

Alarm Response Report: No questions or comments.

EMS Report: No questions or comments.

Mobile Integrated Health Report: No questions or comments.

Fire Prevention Report: No questions or comments.

Public Education Report: No questions or comments.

Facilities Report: No questions or comments.

Apparatus Maintenance Report: No questions or comments.

Training Report: No questions or comments.

Customer Service Surveys: We are currently at 49% and all have been positive.

Committee Reports: The Safety Committee will meet on August 19, 2025. Foreign Fire will meet on August 15, 2025 and Labor Management will meet sometime in the next month.

Insurance: Nothing.



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SEECOM: We are working with SEECOM and the other departments to get the pulse point program going.

Board of Commissioners: The next meeting is July 18, 2025.

Fire Cost Recovery: We received a check for \$968.00.

Grant Applications: We were denied the fire house subs grant for the UTV. We will try again in the fall. We have applications for seven grants right now that we are waiting to hear back from.

Village/Counties: Chief has a meeting with Pingree Fire and the village manager to talk about the IGA. We are also working with Rutland Fire to do the same thing with Gilbert's. Lake in the Hills is also in the works.

#### **New Business**

Surplus Items: Trustee Palermo motioned to approve the surplus items listed in the packet, seconded by Trustee Saletta. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Josh Koelper College \$364.50

Jack Mueller College \$1,093.50

Trustee Saletta motioned to approve the tuition reimbursement for Josh Koelper and Jack Mueller in the total amount of \$1,458.00, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Bid Proposals- Station 4 Retention Pond: We received two bids but do not want to act until we speak with Manchester Lakes. They are open to negotiations.

We owe Regency Square money back from 2017 for their HOA fees. Chief Wagner is working with them to see if we can get out of the HOA.

Fire Chief Spending Authority: After some discussion in closed session, Trustee Palermo motioned to increase the spending authority for Chief Wagner to \$10,000.00, seconded by Trustee Davis. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

Trustee Saletta made a motion to authorize the hiring of seven part-time members, with up to two of them being paramedic-only, seconded by Trustee Palermo. Roll call noted, all voting members voted yes. The motion was passed.

#### Trustees' Agenda

Trustees Palermo and Fluhler went to the essential trustee training, and it went well. The Battalion Chief ascertain meeting was this morning.



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Trustee Saletta motioned to close the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees and move into closed session for the appointment, employment, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, inviting in Chief Wagner, Deputy Chief Levendoski, Executive Administrator Thompson, Administrative Assistant Winters, and Attorney Miller, seconded by Trustee Palermo. All in favor say aye and the meeting closed at 10:10am.

Trustee Saletta motioned to open the regular session, seconded by Trustee Palermo and the meeting re-opened at 10:26am.

Trustee Palermo motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Davis. All in favor say aye and the meeting closed at 10:28am.

President Milford Brown	Secretary Lucas Palermo