Lake Country Fire & Rescue – Fire Board

Serving the Village of Chenequa-Village of Nashotah
City of Delafield- Village of Oconomowoc Lake
Town of Delafield-Village of Wales-Town of Genesee

LCFR Station # **42**
115 Main Street, Delafield WI 53018
Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 5 PM

1. **Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance**
   The meeting was called to order by President Jim Morris at 5:06 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Roll Call**
   Present were Alan Enters, Tom Touchette, Kent Attwell, Martin Gallun, Jeff Rumler, Magalie Miller, Anthony Arbucias, Gene Mayernick, President Jim Morris, Jerry Orlowski, Fire Chief Matt Fennig and Administrative Assistant Staci Nielson. Excused were Al Theis and Gerry Fleisher.

3. **Public Comments**
   Town of Delafield Chairman Ed Kranick said that he hopes the Board passes the Proposed 2026 Budget in order to staff the stations and prevent future brown-outs.

4. **Approval of minutes from the Fire Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025**
   A motion was made by Attwell and seconded by Orlowski to approve the minutes from Wednesday, July 16, 2025. All ayes, no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Discussion and possible action on 2026 Budget**
   A motion was made by Attwell and seconded by Gallun to approve the proposed 2026 Capital spending request of $693,665 as found on page 77 of the budget packet dated July 16, 2025, subject to the Municipalities amending the IMA. Ayes were: Enters, Touchette, Attwell, Gallun, Miller, Arbucias, Mayernick, Morris, Orlowski and Strandberg. Rumler abstained. Motion passed.

   A motion was made by Attwell and seconded by Miller to approve the proposed 2026 Operating Budget of $7,575,279.50 with a revenue amount of $2,751,058.43 and Municipal contributions of $4,824,221.07 found in the budget document presented at the LCFR Fire Board meeting on August 20, 2025, subject to the Municipalities amending the IMA. Ayes were: Enters, Touchette, Attwell, Gallun, Rumler, Miller, Arbucias, Mayernick, Morris, Orlowski and Strandberg. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **Discussion and possible action on recording and/or livestreaming LCFR Fire Board meetings**
   A motion was made by Attwell and seconded by Arbucias to audio record LCFR Fire Board meetings. Ayes were Enters, Attwell and Arbucias. Nays were Touchette, Gallun, Rumler, Miller, Mayernick, Morris, Orlowski and Strandberg. Motion failed.

7. **Treasurer's Report**
   a. Ambulance billing and collection update for June & July.
      Collections are at 49% of the budget although we are 58% through the year. The biggest issue for us is always the mandatory write-offs that we cannot control.

b. Board review of balance sheet, revenues and expenses for June & July.

The budget is in really good shape right now. We are only at 54% of spending at the end of July, and income is much higher than anticipated.

8. Board approval of checks over $1,500 and bank & credit card reconciliations for June & July

A motion was made by Mayernick and seconded by Gallun to approve the checks & reconciliations for June & July. All ayes, no further discussion. The motion was carried.

9. President's Report

There will be another meeting tomorrow with the community partners on the IMA Amendment.

10. Chief's Report

a. LCFR Call Activity report

July was a busy month with 267 incidents. Of those, 153 were EMS related and 114 were fire related.

b. Staffing Report/Metrics Reporting

We are fully staffed. In addition, we have hired 4 interns and 3 part-timers. Brownouts have been reduced and we are looking forward to no brownouts in the future.

c. Training/Conference Updates

Nothing New

d. Vehicle/Equipment Status

Chad is continuing to do a great job keeping vehicles in service and catching things before they become a bigger problem. We do have to send things out when they need a lift, since we don't have one. Otherwise, he takes care of most everything else.

e. Update on current/ongoing department projects

There was a great deal of storm damage including a road destroyed in the Town of Genesee. We are hoping that FEMA will replace the road and possibly a bridge.

11. New business

Arbucius would like more details on billing. We will work on setting up a meeting with representatives from our billing company and include him in the meeting.

12. The next scheduled Board Meeting is the Annual Joint Meeting on Thursday, Sept 4th, 2025 at 6:30 pm. Location of the meeting will be announced by August 22nd.

13. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Attwell and seconded by Rumler at 6:35pm. All ayes, no further discussion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Staci Nielson, Secretary/Treasurer