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 # **41**
31275 W Hwy K – Chenequa
Wednesday, July 15th, 2026 at 5 PM

1. **Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance**
   The meeting was called to order by President Anthony Arbucias at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call**
   Present were Alan Enters, Tom Touchett, Kent Attwell, Martin Gallun, Jeff Rumler, Magalie Miller, President Anthony Arbucias, Al Theis, VP Gene Mayernick, Jerry Orlowski, Tony Reece, Gerry Fleisher, Jeanne Strandberg, Chief Matt Fennig, Assistant Chief Jeremy Wachtl and Administrative Assistant Staci Nielson. Excused was Steve Michels.

3. **Public Comments**
   There were no public comments.

4. **Approval of minutes from the Fire Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026**
   A motion was made by Gallun and seconded by Theis to approve the minutes from Wednesday, May 20, 2026. All ayes, no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Treasurer's Report**
   a. **Ambulance billing and collection update for May**
   Ambulance billing is right on track for the year and we haven't been having any serious issues. We have begun having a call with our service representative every other week and that has helped us get questions answered and better responses.

   b. **Board review of balance sheet, revenues and expenses for May**
   Revenues are good at 77% in for 42% of the year done. Expenses are also good, with only 36% of the budget being spent. One line we are keeping close track of is the Vehicle Maintenance Expense, as that is already at 80% of the budget due to some large unexpected expenses. We will be looking for ways to cover this by underspending in other areas as needs allow.

6. **Capital Equipment Plan review**
   a. **Discussion and possible action on purchase of a replacement for Tender 37**
   A motion was made by Attwell and seconded by Rumler to approve Chief Fennig's recommendation that LCFR enter into a contract to replace Tender 37 with the understanding that he will not sign a contract until he gets the approval of the partner community administrators at their meeting on Tuesday, July 22nd and the contract shall not exceed $564,000.

All members voted yes except for Reece, who voted no. The motion passed.

b. **Discussion and possible action on extending our 2028 ambulance order to include 2029**

A motion was made by Attwell and seconded by Gallun to authorize the execution of a purchase agreement for the 2029 ambulance at a total contract price not to exceed $388,000 as laid out in Chief Fennig's Ambulance Purchase Memo dated June 13th, 2026. All ayes, no further discussion. All members voted yes except for Reece, who voted no. The motion passed.

7. **Discussion and possible action on Fire Board Meeting Calendar for the remaining 2026 meetings**

The Board agreed to the updated 2026 meeting calendar.

8. **Discussion and possible action on Copier Lease Agreement**

A motion was made by Theis and seconded by Miller to approve entering into a 63 month copier lease with James Imaging. All members voted yes except for Attwell, who abstained. The motion passed.

9. **Discussion and possible action on MOU with Village of Oconomowoc Lake to secure radio grant**

A motion was made by Attwell and seconded by Miller to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Village of Oconomowoc Lake in order to be able to accept a radio grant from the State of Wisconsin. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **Chief's Report**

a. **LCFR Call Activity report**

The Department has been experiencing very busy summer months, especially with a rash of dive rescue calls. In June there were more dive calls than structure fire calls. LCFR's new boat should be delivered in late October.

b. **Staffing Report/Metrics Reporting**

One full-time member is leaving LCFR to work for Flight for Life. He will be replaced by Ricardo Jamilla Playa, who was one of our interns and has been doing a great job with us. In addition to recently becoming a paramedic, Ricky is also bilingual which was a great help at one of the recent dive calls where the family only spoke Spanish.

c. **Training/Conference Updates**

As a update from the Chief's group, builders are pushing for single stairwells and other changes to multi-family dwellings that would reduce fire safety. The Chief's group is pushing back against any legislation that would reduce the safety to citizens and fire crews.

d. **Vehicle/Equipment Status**

i. **Update on Equipment Replacement as requested by Board Member Rumler**

There was a discussion on the future planned replacement of equipment.

e. **Update on current/ongoing department projects**

We are just starting the budget season.

f. **2027 Budget preview and Fire Board requests**

The Board had no requests. We do not anticipate any surprises in the 2027 Budget. Health Insurance will only have a 4% increase, but more of our employees will be taking it in the future as they turn 26 and have to get off their parents' plans.

11. **Board approval of check disbursements over $1,500 and bank & credit card reconciliations for May**

A motion was made by Gallun and seconded by Attwell to approve checks & reconciliations for May. All ayes, no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **New business**

There was no new business.

13. **The Fire Board will meet in closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1)(e) of Wisconsin State Statutes "Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public property, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" for the specific purpose of discussing a contract to provide the Village of North Prairie with Fire Protection Service.**

14. **Motion to Convene into Closed Session**

A motion was made by Attwell and seconded by Miller to convene into closed session. Members voting aye were: Enters, Touchett, Attwell, Gallun, Rumler, Miller, Arbucias, Theis, Mayernick, Orlowski, Reece, Fleisher and Strandberg. The motion passed unanimously.

15. **Motion to Re-Convene into Open Session**

A motion was made by Theis and seconded by Reece to re-convene into open session. Members voting aye were: Enters, Touchett, Attwell, Gallun, Rumler, Miller, Arbucias, Theis, Mayernick, Orlowski, Reece, Fleisher and Strandberg. The motion passed unanimously.

16. **Discussion and possible action on closed session deliberations regarding contracting with the Village of North Prairie to provide them with Fire Protection Service**

No action was taken. The Chief will put together more information for the Board for the meeting in August summarizing the costs and benefits to LCFR and the partner communities.

17. **The next scheduled Board Meeting is on Wednesday, August 19th, 2026 at 5:00 at Station #42 located at 115 Main Street in Delafield.**

18. **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Reece and seconded by Miller at 7:00. All ayes, no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Staci Nielson, Secretary/Treasurer