

Liberty Fire District

3910 Kings Lake Rd. DeFuniak Springs Fl. 32433



Meeting Date and Time

Date of Meeting:

Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM

Meeting Location

Location of Meeting: Liberty Fire District South Station
3278 US Hwy 90 W
DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32433

Meeting Attendees

Board Members Present at Meeting:

Seat 1 John Curry, Seat 2 Mike Engel, Seat 3 James Odom, Seat 4 Philip Canterbury Jr,

Board Members Absent:

Seat 5 John Bottoms,

Staff/Volunteer Members Present at Meeting:

Chief John Dunham, Donna Dunham, Chief Tony Roy, Attorney Youell

The regular meeting of the Liberty Fire District Board of Liberty Fire District was called to order at 6:00 PM on May 4th, 2026, at Liberty Fire District South Station by Chairman Odom.

I. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

- a. Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Odom
- b. Invocation by Renee Youell

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

- a. **Motion to approve the April 6th Regular Board Meeting Minutes by Treasurer Engel, Second by Secretary Curry, Comments – None, Motion passes unanimously**
- b. **Motion to approve the April 15th Special Board Meeting Minutes by Treasurer Engel, Second by Secretary Curry, Comments – None, Motion passes unanimously**

III. Treasurer Report

- a. Financial Report presented by Treasurer Engel.
- b. **Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Secretary Curry, Second by Vice Chair Canterbury. Comments - None, Motion passes unanimously.**

IV. Old Business

- a. Grant Update
 - i. Committee Update – Vice Chairman Canterbury gave a update on the current grants the committee has applied for.
 - ii. Grant Writer – Vice Chairman Canterbury is still looking for a cost-effective grant writer.
- b. District Financial Institution – Chairman Odom provided a document from Trustmark that was received on the process to move the accounts to their bank and the services they offer. After some discussion the board ask Chairman Odom to reach back out to the companies that proposals were received from and get more information on outstanding questions the board had.
- c. Painting Central Station – Removed from the agenda

V. New Business

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- a. Insurance Survey – Chairman Odom provided the board a overview of the recent renewal survey for the districts insurance policies excluding workers comp and received direction on some of the limits on the vehicles. Chairman Odom will bring the renewal quote back to the board when it is received.

- i. **Motion to raise the agreed values on district vehicles for the insurance renewal and give Chairman Odom the authority to negotiate the amount with the insurance company made , Treasurer Engles and Second by Vice Chairman Canterbury, Comments – None, Passes unanimously**

- b. Florida Power & Light (FPL) settlement funds – Chairman odom advised the board that Walton County BCC has released the FPL Settlement money in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the fire district with no restrictions attached to the money. This money will be used to offset fire suppression equipment for the FPL Property as it was intended for. Chairman Odom advised the board that a budget resolution will be presented at a future meeting to modify the budget for the funds.

- c.

VI. Chiefs Report

- a. Monthly Call Report – Chief Dunham provided an overview of the previous month's calls.
- b. Monthly Training Report – Chief Dunham provided an overview of the previous months training.
- c. Maintenance Report – Chief Dunham provided an overview of the previous months truck and station maintenance.

VII. Board Attorney

- a. **Motion to accept the monthly bill in the amount of \$630.00 for attorney services made by Treasure Engel, second by Secretary Curry, Comments – None, Motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. Board Members' Comments

- a. Treasurer Engel Reminded everyone about the Form 1 that is due.

IX. Public Comment – None

- a. Warren Whitaker, who is running for a WCBCC seat introduced himself to the board and spoke on his history of supporting volunteer firefighters as he is a board member of Argyle Fire District.

X. Adjournment

- a. **Motion to adjourn made by Treasurer Engel. Second by Secretary Curry, Comments – None, Motion approved unanimously**
- b. Meeting adjourned at 06:31 pm.

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The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on December 1st, 2025, at:

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Meeting Minutes Approved on December 1st, 2025

Board Chairman James Odom

Board Secretary John Curry

Meeting Minutes prepared by James Odom