

**PAINTED ROCKS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD  
DECEMBER 16, 2025 MEETING OUTCOMES**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>Present: Barb Axel, Ross Buchanan, Pat Coffey, Steve Goss, Bob Risk Fire Chief: Shane Jessop Public: Lisa Axel, Ryan Harvey, Trina Harvey</b>
REVIEW, MODIFY, APPROVE AGENDA REVIEW, MODIFY, APPROVE OUTCOMES OF LAST MEETING CHECK ON BLUE ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING	Ross called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. <b>Ross moved, Pat seconded to approve tonight's agenda. UA Ross moved, Pat seconded to approve the outcomes of the October 30 meeting. UA</b> All blue items had been completed.
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	Since Ross is temporarily our Treasurer, he did not have a report to share. <b>For our next meeting, Ross will have a Treasurer's report from Mary Lemons' office.</b>
<b>CHIEF'S REPORT</b>	In helping Search and Rescue look for a missing hunter, Ryan went above and beyond and found the hunter. Lisa is nearing the end of her paramedic degree training. A question was asked if the station has a generator; we do not, but this could be looked into in the future.
<b>CRITICAL DATE ISSUES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Send year-end financial report (due December 31)</li> <li>● Christmas greetings</li> <li>● Review service agreement with Fire Company</li> </ul>	<b>Ross will confirm that the year-end financial report was sent by Mary Lemons' office. Ross will send out a short Christmas greeting. Pat moved, Ross seconded to proceed with the Service Agreement with the Fire Company and get new signatures. UA</b>
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Update on new truck</li> <li>● Plans for two old trucks</li> <li>● Update on fraud loss</li> </ul>	A new remote control monitor has been obtained for the new truck. Shane feels that once the decals and monitor have been put on that the truck should be operational in about 30 days. Shane has been in contact with Charles and his lawyers about how the Fire District can arrange to purchase the new truck. Charles' lawyers have told him he could be at risk if he just owns the truck outright. The truck is currently in a new LLC just for the truck. The question is what is the district willing to do to acquire the truck. <b>Shane will discuss with Charles' lawyers the best way for the district to make a commitment to purchase the truck.</b> We said an annual payment would be better than a monthly payment, and the lack of available funds and possible options were discussed. No new discussion was held on what to do with the two old trucks.

	<p>No new information was available on the criminal investigation about our fraud loss. <b>Ross will contact the FBI regarding our policy of having two signatures on checks.</b> Pat offered to be involved in the call. Did having only one person responsible for the wire transfer break our own protocol? We revisited Charles’ offer to pay the attorney fees for investigating a civil claim against the Credit Union. Following a discussion of that offer, <b>Pat moved, Ross seconded to accept Charles’ offer to pay fees and engage counsel to evaluate potential claims for the possibility of regaining funds from the fraud loss. UA</b> Any recovered funds would go to Charles as part of an arrangement to acquire the truck. We also talked about the possibility of raising the levy in connection with an agreement to acquire the new truck, to address the amount of subsidies being made by donors that isn’t reflected in our budget, and the additional funding required for our enhanced EMS program and for hiring an outside bookkeeper. Right now donations are being made to the Fire Company since the District budget is being reconstructed. We discussed the need to address these matters as part of the next budget discussion. <b>For our next meeting, Barb will include an agenda item on reviewing our banking relationships. Pat moved, Barb seconded to approve a charitable receipt to Shane for his donation of time and materials for fixing the snow damage done to the station. Ross was given the invoices and will get charitable receipts to Shane.</b></p>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b> •	None
<b>BOARD COMMENTS</b>	Barb mentioned that an anonymous donor has deposited a \$2500 credit in our account with Mary Lemons’ office. This will pay for at least one year.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>	Trina Harvey asked if the criminal investigations into our fraud loss are completed.
<b>ASSIGN DATE FOR NEXT MEETING</b>	<b>Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6pm at the fire station</b>
<b>ADJOURN</b>	<b>Ross moved, Steve seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm.</b>

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