

Ellendale Fire Protection District
Monthly Meeting Minutes

1-03-2024

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe.

18 members were present for the roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Raffle
 - Member duties were discussed.
 - Trailers used to cook chili should be parked on the south side of the street.
 - This will be a red shirt event.
- Grants
 - Gary Sinise
 - Waiting on the coats and pants.
 - American Legion
 - There is no new news on the fan.
 - Forest Service
 - The department was awarded \$6,200 for tools for 7385.
 - This is a 50/50 grant.
 - MDU Grant
 - An enclosed trailer was applied for.
 - The committee meets next month to award the recipients.
- ND Fire School
 - Registration is online at the NDFFA website.
 - The School is in Minot February 22-25.
- Pipeline Emergency Trainings
 - Trainings will be held in January.
 - Talk to Mike if interested.
- Stop The Bleeding Class
 - The training was held December 7.
 - The class covered using gauze, pressure points, tourniquets, and the golden hour.

New Business:.

- Donations
 - Ellendale Pharmacy donated \$500.00
 - Farmers Union Oil donated \$1,500.00
 - Land O Lakes will match with \$1,500.00 at a later date.
- Photos
 - Photos for I.D. badges will be taken after the meeting.
- Message From The Chief

- Close drains on trucks prior to leaving the fire hall.
- Make sure to start the pumps on the grass rigs prior to leaving the fire hall.
- Grants
 - Members keep looking for new grants.
- Fireman's Auxiliary
 - The lady's donated \$1,500.00 to purchase flashlights for the gear.
 - They are looking for new members if wives or significant others are interested.
- 7385 Sale
 - The old 7385 was sold for \$12,987.00
 - 15 bids were placed.
 - The truck was sold to Westport.
- Treasurer
 - The position that was added last year was removed again this year.
 - An odd number of officers is required in the bylaws.
- Election
 - Thank you to Eric and Jim with the nominating committee for all of their work talking to the members prior to the election.
 - Chief
 - The nomination committee nominated Mike Thorpe for Chief.
 - Paul moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Thorpe.
 - Motion was 2nd by Jerry.
 - Motion carried and Mike Thorpe was re-elected as Chief.
 - Assistant Chief
 - The nomination committee nominated Tyler Middlestead as Assistant Chief.
 - Corey moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Tyler Middlestead.
 - Motion was 2nd by Dillon.
 - Motion carried and Tyler Middlestead was re-elected as Assistant Chief.
 - Secretary
 - The nomination committee nominated David Witt for Secretary.
 - James Jenkins was nominated for the position.
 - After the vote David Witt was re-elected secretary.
 - Training Officer
 - The nomination committee nominated Jacob Glynn for Training Officer.
 - Jerry moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Jacob Glynn.
 - Motion was 2nd by Tyler.
 - Motion carried and Jacob Glynn was elected as Training Officer.
 - Rescue Squad Leader
 - The nomination committee nominated Eric Fuher for Rescue Squad Leader.
 - Tyler moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Eric Fuher.
 - Motion was 2nd by Brandon.
 - Motion carried and Eric Fuher was re-elected as Rescue Squad Leader.

- Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

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2-06-2024

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe.

13 members were present for the roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Old Business:

- Raffle
 - The event was very successful.
 - Thanks to everyone that helped with the event.
- ND Fire School
 - Nolan has rooms rented.
 - Members contact Mike or Nolan prior to Feb. 15 to allow time to cancel rooms that are not needed.
- Grants
 - MDU
 - The department was declined for the grant this year.
 - Ellendale Area Foundation
 - The grant will be applied for to purchase roadway safety equipment, road cones, flares, and director lights.
 - WSI
 - Cordless extrication tools will be applied for with this grant.
- I.D. Badges
 - The badges should be completed prior to the next meeting.
- Auto Extrication
 - The training is planned for April 5 and 6th.

New Business:.

- Forest Service Grant
 - The tools have been installed on 7385.
 - Water extinguishers were placed on 7382 and 7383.
- Donation
 - Nancy Kee sold the kayak that she won on the raffle and donated the \$250.00 back to the department.
- Golf Tournament
 - No new news.
- Fireman's Banquet
 - Dave will be the chairman and Jerry will help with the event.

- Details will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - March 9, 16 and 23 will be looked at for potential dates.
 - The auxiliary will be asked if they will fund the event.
- Gear
 - Some of the gear is reaching its 10 year expiration.
 - A Heiman rep will be asked to be at the March meeting to discuss options for new gear to be used in the future.

- Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

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3-05-2024

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe.

16 members were present for the roll call.

Minutes of the last meeting were amended to say cordless tools not cordless extrication tools under the WSI grant.

Jim from Heiman was at the meeting to give a presentation on new turnout gear and members needing new gear were fitted for new gear.

Old Business:

- Auto Extrication
 - April 6 from 8:00 - 4:30 at the fire hall.
- Fire School
 - Attendees gave a short description of the classes that they attended.
 - Dillon discussed intelligent fire attack.
 - Thomas discussed wildland basics.
 - Jacob discussed air monitoring.
- I.D. Badges
 - Dickey County is waiting for a new machine to print the new badges.
- Golf Tournament
 - The event is planned for July 20 or 27.

New Business:.

- 140th NDFFA Convention
 - It will be held in Devils Lake June 6-8.
- Meeting Time Change
 - In April the training starts at 6:00 and the meeting will follow at around 8:30.
- Annual Meeting
 - The meeting will be held Monday March 25 at 7:30 at the fire hall.
 - Members are welcome to attend.
- Annual Fireman's Ball
 - Tentative dates are April 20 and 21.
 - Details will be available at the next meeting.
- 2025 Raffle
 - Members voted to have the raffle again next year.
 - The board must approve the raffle at their next meeting.
 - The raffle will be planned for January 11, 2025.
- Motion to Adjourn - Brandon Rall

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

4-02-2024

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe.

13 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- Applied Digital
 - The Officers will be meeting with the managers of Applied Digital next week potentially.
 - Members should think of concerns which can be brought up at the meeting.
 - One concern currently is over the 816 batteries in the building.
 - Is our turnout gear up to code for a situation at the building?
 - There will be a tour of the building in the near future and another one at its completion.
- Raffle
 - The raffle for 2025 was approved by the District board at their meeting.
 - The raffle brought in around \$34,000 last year.
- Cordless Extrication Tools
 - The board approved up to \$56,000 for the new set of tools.
 - A Dennis Leary foundation grant is being applied for these tools.
 - The new cordless tools will be placed in 7382 and the current hydraulic tools will be placed in 7383 to take advantage of the hose reels mounted in the truck.
- 140th NDFFA Convention
 - It will be held in Devils Lake June 6-8.
 - The details can be found on the bulletin board or the NDFFA website.
- Golf Tournament
 - No new news.
- Auto Extrication
 - The training will be held at the fire hall April 6 from 8:00-4:30.
 - Register for the training on the NDFFA website.
 - Lunch will be provided.
- Fireman's Ball
 - The banquet will be held April 21st at the Bowling Alley.
 - Bowling will start at 4:00.
 - Meal will follow at 6:00.
- I.D. Badges
 - Still waiting on the county to print them.
- New Shirts
 - New t-shirts will be available for \$15.00.
 - The current t-shirts are free while supplies last.

New Business:.

- Foam
 - The new foam has arrived and the foam in the trucks will be removed and replaced with the new foam.
 - The current inventory of foam will be used for training purposes.
- Grants
 - WSI grant was applied for.
 - It is a 75/25 grant.
 - A variety of cordless tools was applied for with this grant.
 - Ellendale Legion and Events Center
 - Received a donation for \$4,500.
 - The funds will be used to purchase a second cordless vent fan.
 - The current gas powered one will be for sale when the cordless one arrives.
 - The gas powered fan will be priced at \$1,500.
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- Sky Warn Weather
 - The training will be held at the opera house April 16 at 7:00.
- Note From The Chief
 - When responding to motor vehicle accidents 7383 should go out first, followed by 7382 and 8910
 - 7387 and 7385 will be used for traffic control. Stop signs and safety vests will be placed on these trucks.
 - Pressure charts will be placed in the pumper trucks in order to help get the correct pressure to the end of the line especially when using the foam inductors.
- Regional Fire School
 - There is a training school planned for the end of May or beginning of June in Bismarck.
- Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

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5-07-2024

Meeting was called to order by secretary Dave Witt.

10 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- Fireman's Ball
 - Thank you to Dave and Jerry for setting up the banquet.
- Golf Tourney
 - The tournament is set for July 20th.
- Extrication
 - Reminder that the department needs to have 10 members certified in order to maintain certification.
- Grants
 - WSI
 - Waiting to hear back from them.
 - Dennis Leary Foundation
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 - Ellendale Area Foundation
 - The department received \$2,890.00 for road safety items.
- 140th NDFA Convention
 - June 6-8 in Devils Lake
 - Information is on the board.
- SW Regional Fire School
 - Will be held in Bismarck June 1st and 2nd.
 - Sign up and information are on the NDFA website.
- I.D. Badges
 - Still waiting on the badges.

New Business:.

- Raffle
 - No new news
- Equipment
 - There are new step chocks on 7382.
 - Take a look at them and see how they work.
- Training
 - There will be a burn car and propane tanks on July 27th.
- Auxiliary
 - The women will be having a steak fry May 16th at the Ellendale Events Center.
- Grass Fire

- There was discussion about how things went with the recent grass fire.
- New Members
 - If anybody knows of any individuals interested in joining the department Mike has applications in the office down stairs.

- Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

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6-04-2024

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thope.

11 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- Golf Tourney
 - July 20th.
- NDFA Convention
 - June 6-8 in Devils Lake.
 - Details can be found on the bulletin board and on the NDFA website.
- Grants
 - WSI
 - A representative is coming on Monday to do an assessment.
 - Hand held tools for extrication were applied for with this grant.
 - Dennis Leary
 - No new news.
 - There will be news in July to determine if we are approved for the next round.
 - Cordless extrication tools are being applied for with this grant.
- Heavy Extrication
 - Warren needs to plan 2-3 months in advance.
 - The training could potentially be done in April.

New Business:.

- Dickey County Fair
 - July 11-14.
 - There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting for ice cream sales.
- Applied Digital
 - Mike and Tyler as well as the ambulance, the commissioners and Charlie toured the facility.
 - There will be a tour for the members in the future.
- Lamoure Fire Dept.
 - They will be having a pancake feed June 22.
- Extrication Patches
 - Quinn and Thomas received new patches for certification.
- Battery Operated Fan
 - The fan arrived and was installed in 7383.
 - The gas powered fan will be put up for sale.
- New Computers

- Mike purchased used computers from surplus.
 - He is hoping to use them for fire reporting, weather, and mapping.
- Resignation
 - Damon Duran turned in his resignation.
 - He will no longer be living in the district.
- Grain Bin Extrication
 - There is potential for training in the near future.
- FF1
 - Edgeley and LaMoure will be doing a FF1 course and individuals may partake in the training.

- Motion to Adjourn - Quinn Merkens

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7-02-2024

Meeting was called to order by secretary Dave Witt.

10 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- Golf Tourney
 - July 20th.
- Dickey County Fair
 - July 11-14.
 - Contact Dave to sign up for shifts scooping ice cream.
 - Volunteers will be needed during the derby.
 - Brandon, Dillon, James, and Tyler volunteered to help.
 - Volunteers will be needed during the fireworks.
- Grants
 - WSI
 - Our assessment has been completed.
 - Waiting to hear back on what to do for the next step.
 - Dennis Leary Foundation
 - The application is still in the review process.
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- Wildland Gear
 - The gear is here.
 - It is up to the individual which helmet is to be worn with it.
 - The gear is dual certified for both wildland and rescue.

New Business:.

- Grants to Apply For
 - MDU Resources Foundation
 - Rural Development
 - \$500-\$3000.
 - AFG
 - Radios
- New Radio System
 - The 800mhz system is coming in 2026.
 - We are looking to do a grant to cover radios for all of the trucks and handles.
 - The project is called ND Siren 20-20.
- Pro Hydrotesting
 - All SCBA bottles have been tested and approved.

- Motion to Adjourn - Thomas Hennessey

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8-06-2024

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe.

18 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- Golf Tourney
 - 8 teams golfed in the tournament.
 - All teams donated the winnings back to the department.
 - \$2,500 was made during the event.
- Dickey County Fair
 - Thanks to everyone that helped out during the derby.
 - More help will be needed in serving ice cream in upcoming years.
- Grants
 - WSI
 - The department was approved for the cordless DeWalt tools.
 - The charges and extra batteries were not included in the grant and will need to be purchased.
 - Dennis Leary
 - Cordless extrication tools were applied for.
 - The applications close on August 15.
 - The board approved to purchase the tools if the grant is not approved.
 - MDU Resources
 - Due October 1st.
 - A ground monitor, LDH hard suction hose and a floating pump were applied for.
 - Rural Development
 - This grant was not applied for because it was a 25/75 rather than 75/25 with this grant.
 - Raffle
 - The tickets are coming soon.
 - A chili is going to be served this year rather than the rocky mountain oysters, chislic, and spuds like normal. The trailer that we were using has been sold.

New Business:.

- District Meeting
 - The board approved the purchase of digital radios required for ND Siren 20-20.
 - Purchasing radios now will qualify for a rebate of \$1,500 per radio or a total rebate of \$54,000.

- There will be 30 hand held radios and 8 truck radios.
- The radios will cost a total of \$52,000.
- \$2,200 worth of new LED lights were approved to be installed both downstairs and upstairs in the fire hall.
 - There is an organization that may be interested in sponsoring the lights.
- Ladder Truck Tour
 - Mike and Dave toured Hieman, and Rosenbauer where the ladder trucks and other fire trucks are built.
 - They were able to fly a rear mount king cobra truck while at Heiman.
 - A mid mount was viewed at Rosenbauer.
- Garage Door Opener
 - A garage door opener is to be installed in front of 7387 with a remote.
- Radio Info
 - Radios should be on the Dickey County West in route to the fire.
 - While at the fire, radios should be on the Ellendale Fire channel.
- Applied Digital
 - Emergency site info and rescue plans for the site will be placed in the trucks.
 - The site will have underground water storage to feed fire hydrants and the sprinkler system.
 - The tank will be fed by Dickey Rural Water.
- Fire Prevention Week
 - Volunteers will be needed to help with the week of events at the school in October.

- Motion to Adjourn - Paul Wedell

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9-03-2024

Meeting was called to order by secretary Dave Witt.

10 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- Fire Prevention Month
 - October is fire prevention month.
 - Eric is looking for someone to take over the activities at the school.
 - Dave is willing to help but still needs more volunteers.
- Garage Doors
 - Mike received quotes for a garage door opener for the door in front of 7387 on the south side and an opener with a remote for the main south door.
 - The openers will be purchased depending on the budget at the end of the year.
- Raffle
 - With the tickets getting here later than normal, members need to get out and sell to make up for lost time.

New Business:.

- Applefest
 - September 14.
 - The parade is at noon and any one that is available can drive a truck.
 - Members interested in driving should be at the fire hall prior to 11:30.
 - Mike is interested in setting up a table to show the public what gear we wear at a call.
 - There could be applications at the table for anyone interested in joining the department.
- SE Regional Fire School
 - It will be held in Wahpeton Nov 1-3.
 - Register for classes on the NDFA website.
 - Let Mike or Jake know if you are interested in going in order to line up rooms.
- ND State Fire School
 - The dates are set for February 27- March 2.
 - Registration will open in December.
- Pancake Breakfast
 - The fundraiser will be held at the fire hall Sunday October 13 from 8-1.
 - All members are expected to help with the event.
 - Casey Armour volunteered to get the groceries.
- Applied Digital
 - Mike has been in contact with Applied Digital and the department will get a tour

of the facility as soon as a few of the lithium batteries have been placed in the facility.

- Members will be updated when more information is known.
- Old 7382
 - The truck has been sold and picked up.
- Meeting Schedule
 - In October the schedule will revert back to having the meeting at 6:00 and training to follow.
- Careflight Insurance
 - Members are offered a policy for \$45.00 per year to cover what insurance does not cover.
 - Applications were offered to those which were interested.
- New ID's
 - The newly printed ID's were handed out.
- ND Fire Chiefs Assn Cards
 - People to receive cards are Mike, Tyler, and Jake

Motion to Adjourn - Casey Armour

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

10-01-2024

Meeting was called to order by secretary Dave Witt.

8 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- Grants
 - Dennis Leary Foundation
 - The department did not receive the grant.
 - The officers will meet and discuss the purchase of the new cordless extrication tools prior to the end of the year.
 - MDU Resources Foundation
 - The grant is awarded around January 1.
- New Firehall Lights
 - Mike is working with electricians to get them installed.
 - Paul inquired where the money was coming from to purchase the lights.
- Fire Prevention Month
 - Eric will help set up the date and materials with the School.
 - Dave volunteered to help with the fire prevention activities at the school but will need additional help.
- Applefest
 - Thanks to all the members who drove trucks in the parade.
 - A request was made to have more candy for upcoming years.
- SE Regional Fire School
 - The school will be held in Wahpeton on November 1-3.
 - Registration is on the NDFA website.
 - Members interested in attending should contact Mike or Jake in order to make room reservations.
- ND State Fire School
 - The school will be held in Minot on February 27 - March 2.
 - Registration opens in December.
- Applied Digital
 - There is no news on a tour to the Applied Digital site.
 - A tour will be planned during a meeting night this winter.
- Pancake Breakfast
 - Breakfast will be served from 8:00 until 1:00 October 13.
 - Everyone is expected to help out.
 - Brandon is able to get tables and chairs from Lynn Rall.
 - Jim has the groceries ordered.
 - This is a blue shirt event.

New Business:.

- Foam
 - The department is receiving a 5 gal pail of a new soy based fire foam to try or train with.
- Message From The Chief
 - Harvest is in full swing. With dry conditions and wind, fire will move quickly. Don't be afraid to call for mutual aid early.
 - Contact Charlie if farm equipment from local farmers is needed. He can contact the farmers.
 - During large fires, set up drop tanks so that the tankers can run for more water.
- Raffle
 - Get out and sell.
 - Tickets can be picked up from Jim, Dave or Paul.
 - 20 books turned in so far.
- Meeting Nights
 - October through February the meeting will start at 6:00 and training will follow.
- I.D. Badges
 - Paul asked if the member since date could return to the I.D. badges.

Motion to Adjourn - Chris Chafey

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

11-05-2024

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe.

12 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- Grants
 - Montana Dakota Utilities
 - The grant awards aren't announced until January.
 - LDH, a floating pump, and a ground monitor for 7382 were applied for.
 - A total of \$24-\$25,000.
- Fire Hall Lights
 - The lights have not been installed.
 - The American Legion in Ellendale donated \$2,250.00 for the lights.
- ND State Fire School
 - Sign up on the NDFA website starting in December.
- Pancake Breakfast
 - Thanks to all the members which helped with the event.
 - It was suggested to have pancake droppers for future pancake feeds.
 - \$3,000 profit was made during the breakfast.
- Soy Foam
 - A free container of soy foam was donated by the ND Soybean Council.
 - It is to be used as a demo or during a training.
- Raffle Tickets
 - The gator has arrived.
 - Get out and keep selling tickets.
- Fire Prevention Week
 - The events will take place November 13.
 - Dave and Jerry have volunteered to help with the students this year.

New Business:.

- Tools
 - The cordless extrication tools have been ordered.
 - The tools are Genesis brand like the current hydraulic tools.
- Applied Digital
 - There is a new site plan to observe facility locations.
 - There will be a tour of the site during the December training.
 - Meet at the fire hall at 5:30.
 - Carpool to the facility.
 - Safety glasses, hard hats, and safety vests are required for the tour.

- Meeting will follow the tour.
- Message From The Chief
 - Close drains on the trucks prior to leaving the fire hall.
 - 7385 and 7387 are to be used for traffic control during vehicle incidents.
 - 8910 should be at the scene for access to tools and equipment.
 - On the way to incidents take the radios off of scan and put on Dickey County West.
 - At the fire, turn radios to the Ellendale fire channel.
 - Keep gear washed when soiled.
 - Members should be on the lookout for new members.
- New Member Application
 - Chris Caruth has turned in an application for the department and will be voted on at the next meeting.
 - He is a MDU lineman and was on the department in Benson, Minnesota.
- Resignation
 - Thomas Hennessey turned in his resignation.
 - Thomas is leaving town and will not be able to be on the department.
- Auto Extrication
 - Training will be held on March 29th.
 - Members must make a special effort to be at the training in order to have sufficient numbers on the roster in order for the department to maintain its certification.
 - More details will be released at a later date.
 - There may be a heavy extrication to be held in June.
- Membership
 - Eric moved that Mark Hahne be removed from the roster.
 - Second by Jerry
 - Motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn - Eric Fuher

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

12-03-2024

Meeting was called to order by chief Mike Thorpe.

13 members were present for the roll call.

Old Business:

- Fire Hall Lights
 - The lights are to be installed by the end of the year.
- ND State Fire School
 - The school will be held in Minot February 27- March 2nd.
 - Register on the NDFA website when registration is opened.
- Raffle
 - Members get out and sell tickets.
 - 65 books turned in so far.
- Extrication
 - March 29 at the fire hall.
 - Sign up on the NDFA website, and on paper.
 - A heavy rescue training will be held June 21 in Ellendale.
- Extrication Tools
 - The cordless tools should arrive in February.
- Grants
 - No new news on the MDU grant.
 - The grant recipients are to be announced in January.

New Business:.

- Vehicle Registration Renewals
 - The registration is online.
- Donation
 - Dickey County Farmers Union donated \$5,000 to the department.
- Bunker Boots
 - There will be new styles of bunker boots to check out at the next meeting.
 - There will also be extrication gloves to try out.
- Nomination Committee
 - Jerry and Jim will talk to the members and make their nominations.
- Cooking Committee
 - The committee will consist of Nolan, Dylan, James, Jim, and Brandon.
 - Dave will invite the board members.
- Photos
 - Members must wear the red polos for a group photo.
- Messages from the Chief
 - A pair of binoculars have been placed in 7382 and 7385.

- Each member received 2 door wedges to keep with the gear.
- New Member
 - Chris Caruth was voted on as a new member.
- Hydrants
 - Please tell Harold or Jim if a hydrant is used so they can make sure it has drained after use.

Motion to Adjourn - Jerry Rekow