

# **RICHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

May 11th, 2026 MINUTES

1. Scott Banker called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. at the Fire Station.
2. It was determined that the meeting was posted and properly noticed.
3. Roll call was taken with the following present: Kathy Maly, Steve Meyer, Wayne Morse, Jean Nicks, Gordie Brockway, Barb Brockway, Kurt Monson, Paul Perkins, Shirley Welte, Bobbi Goplin, Steve Michel, Calvin Sebranek, Joe Halverson, Scott Banker, Pat Marshall, Dave Fry, Steve Downs, Scott Gald, Steve Krueger, and Lacey Luxton. A quorum was not present until Karin Tepley arrived during the meeting, establishing a quorum.
4. Motion by Dave Fry, second by Calvin Sebranek to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Jean Nicks, second by Dave Fry to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried.
6. Lacey Luxton reviewed the treasurer's report. At the last meeting the balance in the checking account at The People's Community Bank was \$373,778.97. Payroll total was \$2,355.49, total bills paid were \$13,487.28, and total deposits were \$13,751.88. Leaving a balance of \$371,688.08. The balance of the Money Market account at The People's Community Bank at the last meeting was \$311,027.99. Total interest credit was \$754.14 leaving a balance of \$311,782.13. The balance of the Vehicle Replacement account at The People's Community Bank at the last meeting was \$389,244.83. Total interest credit was \$943.79, leaving a balance of \$390,188.62. The total amount for all accounts is \$1,073,658.83. Motion by Wayne Morse, second by Bobbi Goplin to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
7. The bills were presented for payment check #9459-9461 for \$2,355.49 was for payroll, check #9441-9458 and EFT payments for \$13,487.28 was for bills. An additional bill in the amount of \$2,792.40 was also presented. Motion by Dave Fry, second by Steve Meyer to accept the bills as listed and approve payment. Motion carried.
8. Chief's Report: Fire calls were reviewed by Chief Gald. May training focused on annual hose testing, and members will clean the Fairgrounds and High School grandstands on June 8th while practicing water shuttle operations, hydrant usage, and radio communications. Follow-up investigations were completed on the recent house and vehicle fires. The department has 40 members. Retirement recognition was given to Steve Liegel for 28 years of service, and Derek Goplin and Hannah Burt have submitted notices to pursue other opportunities. All duty crews participated in the Race for Grace. The Mutual Aid Group met on April 27<sup>th</sup> in Lone Rock, with Richland Center hosting the remaining meetings for the year, and discussions regarding the Safety House purchased as a county-wide association resource. A UHP bracket was repaired by Brent Gaffney and has since been used successfully. The brush truck attended the Hub City Drags. Members coming off probation include Dustin Twining, Brock Banker, Gaige Wertz, Tyler Colson, Dayton Scott, and Trevyn Thielmann. Northern Gas provided gas-emergency training near the Middle School, and fire extinguisher training will be held at Kobussen Bus Service. Planning continues for the June 13th Open House, with adjustments being considered due to potential scheduling conflicts.
9. Old Business: Update given regarding outstanding fire call bills and assessment bill was paid for Richland Township. All assessments will be paid once Akan submits their second-half payment.
10. New Business: Mayor Tepley was introduced and welcomed in her role as the new Mayor.
11. Citizen Input: The inspection frequency email was resent.
12. Other business to come before the Board: Inquiry about legal representatives. Discussion was held about driveway access and emergency services reaching the property.
13. Set agenda for the next meeting:
  - a. Standard Agenda
14. Next meeting is scheduled for June 8th, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in the Fire Station.
15. Motion by Steve Downs, second by Bobbi Goplin to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:44 pm.
  - a. Respectfully Submitted, Lacey K. Luxton, Secretary / Treasurer