Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes

of July 7, 2025
at Inverness Fire Station 35 Ela Road, Inverness, IL

Minutes:

Call to Order The regular meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Trustee Del Mar.

Roll Call President Del Mar, Secretary Chapman, Treasurer McKanna

Pledge of Allegiance Trustee McKanna led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment - None

Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
    i. June 9, 2025 Regular Meeting
b. Approval of Financial Report for month ending – June 30, 2025
c. Approval of Bill List and expenditures - $91,551.47
d. Approval of additional bills - $1,951.39

Motion by Trustee Del Mar, Seconded by Trustee McKanna, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call vote: 3 Yes (Del Mar, McKanna Chapman), 0 No, 0 Absent.

Attorney's Report - None

Fire Chief's Report

The Chief gave the following updates:

<u>Department</u>

- EMS call volume and GEMT collections are currently lagging.
- Engine 36 was sold to the Palo Pinto Fire Department in Texas for $37,000.
- The old ambulance remains listed for auction; reserve price has not yet been met.

<u>Personnel & Community Engagement</u>

- Phil Hinz was appointed as a Trustee for Wauconda Fire Department.
- Tim Strok retired effective July 3, 2025.
- Ed McGarry announced his retirement from Fox River Countryside Fire Department.
- Seth Myers received a $500 scholarship from the Illinois Fire Chiefs Foundation.
- Mike Pfeffer participated in Burn Camp.
- Tony Christie's injury claim was finalized and closed.
- Condolences were extended to Dawn Andrlik following the passing of her husband.

Code Enforcement

- A fireworks sales table was set up in front of Jelly Café and was shut down by the Chief due to code violations.

Grants & Funding

- We are still awaiting a response from the State Fire Marshal grant application for $300,000 to renovate the station locker room.
- A SAFER grant has been submitted requesting funding for two additional firefighter positions.
- Firehouse Subs grant opportunity opens next week.

Strategic Planning

- Strategic plan materials were included in the meeting packet.
- Public survey received 68 responses.
- Results from the employee survey were also included for review.
- Based on the environmental scan and SWOT analysis findings, the Chief is currently developing potential departmental goals.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Resolution #2025-005 - Transfer Funds to Capital Reserve Fund

Motion by Trustee Del Mar, seconded by Trustee McKanna, to approve Resolution #2025-005 to transfer funds totaling $100,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund of the Inverness Fire Protection District, as presented. Roll Call vote: 3 Yes (Del Mar, Chapman, McKanna), 0 No, 0 Absent/Abstain.

Declare Surplus Equipment

Motion by Trustee Chapman, seconded by Trustee Del Mar, to declare the Genesis hydraulic extrication equipment surplus and donate it to the Harper College Fire Science Program, as presented. Roll Call vote: 3 Yes (Del Mar, Chapman, McKanna), 0 No, 0 Absent/Abstain.

Foreign Fire Insurance Board Expenditure Request

Motion by Trustee McKanna, seconded by Trustee Chapman, to approve the Foreign Fire Insurance Board request dated June 22, 2025, to purchase items totaling $10,600, as presented. Roll Call vote: 2 Yes (Chapman, McKanna), 1 No (Del Mar), 0 Absent/Abstain.

Closed Session

Motion by Trustee Del Mar, Seconded by Trustee McKanna, to go into closed session at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of Collective Bargaining. Roll Call vote: 3 Yes (Del Mar, Chapman, McKanna), 0 No, 0 Absent/Abstain.

Return to Open Session No action was taken during the closed session.

Motion by Trustee Del Mar, Seconded by Trustee McKanna to leave closed session and return to open session at 9:59 a.m. Roll Call vote: 3 Yes (Del Mar, Chapman, McKanna), 0 No, 0 Absent/Abstain.

Trustee Reports - none

Next Meeting – August 11, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment There being no further business, motion by Trustee Chapman, seconded by Trustee McKanna, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call vote: Call vote: 3 Yes (Del Mar, Chapman, McKanna), 0 No, 0 Absent.

APPROVED August 11, 2025

Aaron Del Mar
President
Inverness Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

Gerald Chapman
Secretary
Inverness Fire Protection District