

Edgerton Fire Protection District Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 11, 2025

1. President John Sherman called meeting to order on December 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: John Sherman, Eric Stockman, Donna Skau (for John Dohner), Rob Mawhinney, David Kyle, Scott Farrington, Ryan Nelson, Jeff Klenz, Bryan Meyer and Candy Davis.
Absent: Larry Beck

Also present: Paul Hensch, Theresa Boston, Doug Kenney, Chief Pickering & DC Whitmore.
3. Davis reported meeting agenda was posted on Monday, December 8, 2025 at Edgerton Piggly Wiggly, Edgerton City Hall, Town of Fulton Town Hall, Town of Milton Town Hall, City of Milton City Hall, the Edgerton Reporter and Fire District Headquarters.
4. Farrington motioned to accept Board agenda, was seconded by Stockman, all in favor; carried.
5. Public appearances for non-agenda items (limited to 3 minutes): Staff presented to the Board, the \$26,000 advanced Paramedic level mannequin. Funds to pay for the mannequin came from the additional (2025) FAP funds.
6. Public appearances for questions related to Fire and/or EMS billing: None
7. Mawhinney motioned to approve minutes of November 13, 2025 Board Meeting, was seconded by Stockman, all in favor; carried.
8. Treasurer Report
 - a. Discussion and possible action on renewing the District's emergency line-of-credit: At the beginning of the COVID area, the District established an emergency line of credit in case it was needed. This was signed by the President & the Treasurer – it renews every year and is coming up for renewal end of December. The President & Treasurer is needed to activate utilizing the LOC. Klenz motioned to renew emergency LOC, was seconded by Skau, all in favor; carried.
9. Old Business
 - a. Discussion and possible action approving the Resolution to recommend amendments of the fire protection and EMS Agreement of the Edgerton Fire Protection District to resolve Wis DOR "debt service" issue: Chief Pickering indicated the DOR raised objection to the first sentence in the funding clause stating the municipalities are responsible for operating expenses and debt service. DOR is stating it should read: "including operating expenses and debt service".

Action is needed to codify this change. The EFPD Board will need to sign a Resolution to approve (with signatures) – per the IGA. This would recommend to our municipalities to amend the IGA for the recommended wording. As of now, 7 of the municipalities have approved the amendment.

Meyer motioned to approve Resolution to recommend amendments of the fire protection ad EMS Agreement of the Edgerton Fire Protection District to resolve Wis DOR “debt service” issue. Motion was seconded by Stockman, passed on roll call vote (10 yes; Beck was absent).

Mawhinney motioned to recognize that to date 7 of the 10 signatory municipalities have approved the amendment to the IGA and therefore the change is adopted. It is noted that additional municipalities may sign on at a future date. Motion was seconded by Farrington and passed on roll call (10 yes; Beck was absent).

10. New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action on repair or decommissioning of Engine 311: Chief reported the Department has 3 pumping resources with Engine 311 being the largest (at station 2) and it is scheduled to be replaced in 2028. It’s been reported there is radiator fluid leaking into the cylinders. If a new one was ordered today, it would cost about \$1.1 to \$1.2 and would take roughly 2 ½ years to deliver. Chief feels going down one pumping resource would be detrimental to the Department. Sherman received 2 bids (approximately \$29,000 and \$33,953). The \$29,000 would be a rebuild with no warranty. The \$33,953 would be new engine and have a warranty. Funds to pay for this could come from the 2025 borrowing package.

Davis motioned to accept the \$33,953 bid from Lakeside International and utilize the 2025 borrowing package to pay for it as long as the debt service does not exceed the 2026 budgeted amount. Motion was seconded by Stockman. All in favor; carried.

- b. Discussion and possible action approving applying for a Wisconsin Office of Emergency Communications Wiscom grant to replace mobile two-way radios: Chief Pickering indicated a second grant program has been put out – we replaced all of our portable radios last year and would like to replace mobile radios with this grant. Current radios do not work on Jefferson, Walworth county & the new State system.

Meyer motioned to apply for the Wiscom grant, was seconded by Klentz, all in favor; carried.

11. Fire Stations Project

- a. Update on identification of an accounting firm to complete the USDA Financial Feasibility Study: Chief stated that USDA requires we do a feasibility study which needs to be signed off and certified by an accounting firm that carries liability insurance greater than the amount of the loan. Our local accountant does not meet this criteria so we are looking at Baker Tilly and Wipfli (via RPFs). Funding for this study is in our 2025 borrowing package. Once proposals come back, we discuss at future Board meeting.

- b. Update on selecting a consensus recommendation for Station 2 (Edgerton). Chief Pickering indicated no action needed tonight on this, however, highly recommends West meet on this topic as soon as possible. Farrington would like to have Monona Plumbing come in and bore in the men's bathroom to see if they could provide additional information. Chief indicated he knows the CEO of Monona Plumbing and will contact him. Davis will send email to West Board members to schedule a meeting as soon as possible.

12. Chief/Deputy Chief Operations report:

Chief provided updated on calls, activities, staffing, etc. through November 2025

13. Volunteer Association, Inc. report: Nothing new to report

14. Davis motioned to approve bills & payroll in the amount of \$285,943.19, was seconded by Skau, all in favor; carried.

15. Sherman motioned to go in to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e): "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session". Discussion of possible terms and conditions for a municipality to contract for service with the District. Motion was seconded by Meyer, all in favor; carried. Motion includes to allow alternates & staff to participate.

Board went in to closed session at 7:22 p.m.

Sherman motioned to return to open session, was seconded by Stockman; all in favor; carried. Board returned to open session at 7:52 p.m.

16. There was nothing for the Board to act on coming out of closed session.

17. Other legal business to come before the Board: Bryan Meyer updated on land transfer for properties for Station 3 & 4, indicating special meeting of electors was held and they voted to authorize the sale/disposition of town properties. IGA indicates they give that to the District. Moving forward with all of this.

18. Farrington motioned to adjourn, was seconded by Mawhinney, all in favor; carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;
Candy Davis,
EFPD Secretary/Treasurer