

Edgerton Fire Protection District Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 13, 2025

1. President John Sherman called meeting to order on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 6:01 p.m.
2. Roll Call: John Sherman, Eric Stockman, Donna Skau, Larry Beck, Rob Mawhinney, David Kyle, Scott Farrington, Ryan Nelson, Bryan Meyer, and Candy Davis. Jeff Klenz was absent.

Also present: Paul Hensch, Lisa Venske, Jim Burdick, Al Sweeney, Theresa Boston, Brooks Gallman, and several others

3. Davis reported meeting agenda was posted on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at Edgerton Piggly Wiggly, Town of Fulton Town Hall, City of Milton Town Hall, Town of Milton Town Hall, Edgerton City Hall and Fire District Headquarters.
4. Beck motioned to approve agenda, was seconded by Farrington, all in favor; carried.
5. Public appearances for non-agenda items (limited to 3 minutes): None
6. Public appearances for questions related to Fire and/or EMS billing: None
7. Farrington motioned to approve minutes of October 9, 2025 board meeting, was seconded by Beck, all in favor; carried.
8. Treasurer Report
 - a. 2023 and 2024 GEMT Update: Chief reported the Feds released payments for 2023 GEMT, and put into our holding account. Billing company will then take out of our holding account and deposit into our checking account in mid-November. The amount is \$32,649.

The 2024 filing has been completed & submitted. Desk review came back with questions last week and those were handled this week and sent back to Consulting Firm. Once we know the status of this, Chief will update the Board. Possibly will receive 2024 payment yet this year or mid-January.

- i. Discussion and possible approval to process 2024 base pay increases for full-time employees consistent with the Collective Bargaining Agreement: Local bargaining agreed to defer pay increase until we receive the GEMT money. Chief would like the Board to approve once we receive deposit at which time the increase will be paid.

Meyer motioned to approve pay increase for full-time employees consistent with the CBA, once GEMT money is deposited. Motion was seconded by Beck and passed unanimously on roll call vote.

9. Old Business: None

10. New Business

- a. Water/Mold damage to Fire Station #2: Chief reported that the building was settling, and work was being done to deal with 3 water issues (roof & both bathrooms). Started to have air quality issues in the building so an air quality analysis company was brought in to assess. A small leak was identified within the walls, and developed small amount of mold (found in 5 different walls). The mold spores were all encapsulated within the walls. Chief then brought in ServPro and they sealed off entire south western quadrant of building, prepared mold remediation, ripped out walls, HVAC, equipment in utility room – all remediated and reconstructed back to original form. Portion of kitchen is not quite back to normal. All air ducts, furnaces etc. were cleaned. Collective estimate is \$55,000. Once final bills are in, Chief will provide that amount to the Board.
 - i. Discussion and possible action on funding for remediation costs: Chief suggested to the Board one option would be to include the total amount in our 2026 borrowing. This will be brought to a future meeting once we know the amount.

11. Fire Stations Project

- a. USDA Directive on Project Expenses: Chief advised USDA asked EFPD not to incur any more expenses (Bid Development Phase) until we get an application filed. We need to find a certified CPA to continue to complete a financial feasibility report.
- b. Update on options for Station 2:
 - i. Structural Engineer's findings and report: Nothing to report on this.
 - ii. Set up Special Meeting for Western Division municipalities to discuss Station 2 options: Chief is asking the Western Division meet to discussion Station 2 options – within the next few weeks.
- c. Discussion and possible approval to hire an Accounting Firm to complete the USDA Financial Feasibility Study, to be funded out of the DD/CD Phase contingency: Defer this to future meeting.
- d. Discussion and possible approval to join the Edgerton and Milton Chamber of Commerce's: Chief reported that if we joined, we would be allowed to use their distribution lists. Totals about \$300/year for both. Davis motioned to approve, was seconded by Stockman, all in favor; carried.

12. Chief/Deputy Chief Operations report:

About 3% YOY ahead of last year

EMS is becoming a higher percentage of calls

Average response times continue right around 7 minutes

13. Volunteer Association, Inc. report: Drew Mortimer reported the Association is covering the cost of the new AEDs (5). The next meeting will be in December.

14. Approve payment of bills for
Davis motioned to approve bills & payroll for August, 2025 in the amount of \$438,197.93, was seconded by Skau, all in favor; carried.
Davis motioned to approve bills & payroll for September, 2025 in the amount of \$378,405.91, was seconded by Farrington, all in favor; carried.
Davis motioned to approve bills & payroll for October, 2025 in the amount of \$485,182.86, was seconded by Skau, all in favor; carried.

15. Other legal business to come before the Board: Meyer reported that some residents from Town of Milton have called him regarding controlled burns, indicating when they call the station, they don't receive answers and can't leave a message. Chief indicated there are phone issues with Station 3. Chief will check in to a few options to give to Bryan (& Tiff) as to what to do going forward.

Meyer also questioned about power related issues (power company) related to fire calls.

16. Skau motioned to adjourn, was seconded by Mawhinney, all in favor; carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;
Candy Davis,
EFPD Secretary/Treasurer