

NORTHWESTERN JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

December 17, 2025

Minutes

The Northwestern Joint Fire District Board met in Special Session at 2:30 p.m.. The Board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Beth Marshall, representative of Taylor Township, Mr. Logan Rife, representative of York Township, Mr. Bill Lowe, representative of Leesburg Township, Mr. Jerry McClary, representative of Liberty Township and Ms. Allison Hamilton, Fiscal Officer along with Ms. Amy Beeney, Administrator were in attendance. Chief Hawkins, Asst. Chief Cook were also in attendance. Guests in attendance were Ms. Erin Saal, Invenergy and Jason Funderburg, WDC.

Ms. Saal advised the Board the Cadence project was close to being finalized. There were open items that need to be addressed. There was discussion on the agreement presented to the Board. Ms. Saal clarified that regardless of additional items that may be added to the agreement; the base would still include an initial payment of \$25,000 for any expense, annual walk throughs, training event(s). She advised there would be staff familiar with the site. At this time they have named Mr. Ron Carey as a Full time staff member and contact. The project is participating in the States tax exempt program and the certificate needs to be turned in with both the District & Invenergy signatures. The agreement is beyond the certificate however, will be filed with the certificate. This will show there is a good faith effort being made. The Board advised Ms. Saal that the District should not have to fund specific purchases just to cover the Solar fields. The \$25,000 would be insufficient to cover related costs. The initial intent of Invenergy would be to ensure the District receives the support needed to obtain what is needed to cover the solar fields in the event of an emergency. Preliminary equipment would be nozzles, extenders, hoses, a UTV fitted to handle Fire & EMS in the tight areas of the fields. Chief Hawkins was waiting for additional quotes. He will send a list of quantity, manufacture and cost to Ms. Saal. At this time, the agreement was not signed and Ms. Saal would discuss the additional equipment with the company. The Board will continue to address this item at the January 14, 2026 meeting.

Mr. Funderburg from WDC discussed the closing of the USDA loan, bids and the amendment to move the bid due date to January 14, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.. Contractors were not comfortable with the 12/17/25 date due to being close to the Holidays,etc. Mr. Funderburg advised there have been 11 plans for the Leesburg project picked up. The contractors can bid on the project as a whole or on portions; will have to wait and see at January's opening. The bids are categorized into electrical, mechanical, plumbing and structural. It was agreed to accept bids until 2:00 p.m. on January 14, 2026 at the District office in Raymond. The Board will meet at 2:00 p.m. on the same day. Ms. Beeney will submit the notice to the paper and post.

Ms. Hamilton presented the Board with the December 3, 2025 meeting minutes.

- I. Ms. Marshall made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. McClary seconded the motion. All were in favor.

As there were no further business; Ms. Marshall made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McClary seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted By:

Allison M. Hamilton, Fiscal Officer

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Reviewed:

_____ Logan Rife

_____ Beth Marshall

_____ Jerry McClary

_____ Bill Lowe