

**New Melle Fire Protection District**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 12, 2025**  
**12:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance**

John Loyd, President  
Kyle Shell, Secretary  
Daniel Casey, Fire Chief  
Joshua Ellis, Assistant Chief  
Jonah Wilson, Shop Steward  
Michelle Depew, Financial Consultant  
Donna Oney, Administrative Assistant

The monthly board meeting of the New Melle Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at Fire House #1 pursuant to call and waiver of notice of Board of Directors as evidenced by signatures affixed to these minutes.

**Call to Order**

With two board members present, Board President John Loyd called this meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Additions to Agenda**

- No additions or deletions to the agenda.

**Review of Previous Minutes**

- Board Member Kyle Shell made a motion to approve July 14, 2025, board meeting minutes as presented.
- John Loyd seconded the motion.
- Vote taken. All board members are in favor.
- Minutes approved.

**Chief's Report**

- Chief Casey reported that we responded to 67 calls last month, which is still ahead of last year.
- New hire testing started on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and will continue August 14<sup>th</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- A total of 60 applications were received.

**Assistant Chief's Report**

- Assistant Chief Ellis, along with Jonah Wilson and Mike Webbink traveled to Wisconsin for truck pre-build.
- The pumper is scheduled for completion in mid-February, the ladder truck mid-March.
- Josh was uncertain about the delivery timeline but will follow up.
- Kyle asked Josh about the Highway T letter of support. Josh stated that he has been unable to reach anyone for details but will continue to reach out.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Chief Ellis reviewed account balances.
- Kyle Shell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.
- John Loyd seconded the motion.

- A vote was taken, and all board members were in favor.
- Treasurer's Report accepted.

### **Members of the Public**

- No speakers were present.

### **Old Business**

- Station 2 Update
  - Assistant Chief Ellis reported that the project is on schedule and progressing well.
  - A few adjustments will be required in the bay.
  - Floors were poured yesterday.

### **New Business:**

- CD Renewal
  - Kyle stated that we have \$1.8 million in the CD that will be expiring on August 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - He recommends renewing the CD for 6 months at the current interest rates and adding \$500,000 from the general fund.
  - After brief discussion, Board Member Shell made a motion to renew the CD for another 6 months at current interest rate and to transfer \$500,000 from general fund into the CD.
  - John Loyd seconded the motion.
  - All board members were in favor.
  - Motion carried.
- Tax Rates and Notice of Public Hearing
  - Michelle DePew reported that a Public Hearing is required to set our new tax rate.
  - After brief discussion the Public Hearing was scheduled for September 11, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.
  - A motion was made and approved by both board members.

### **Shop Steward**

- Jonah Wilson opened the contract for negotiations.

Board President, John Loyd entertained a motion to enter closed session.  
 Kyle Shell made the motion and was seconded by John Loyd.  
 The board entered closed session at 12:20 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 12:27 p.m.

- Promotions
  - Board Member Kyle Shell made a motion to accept the Battalion Chief/Training Officer position into the Union and to approve the addendum to the contract effective September 1 – December 31, 2025, as presented in Scott Repke's contract.
  - The motion also promoted Dennis Goins to the rank of Captain beginning September 7, 2025, Mike Colbert to Engineer on September 1, 2025, and transferred Captain Tom Fox to C-shift effective September 3, 2025.
  - Motion was seconded by John Loyd.
  - All board members in favor.
  - Motion carried.

Kyle Shell made a motion to adjourn this meeting.  
John Loyd seconded the motion.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Oney

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John Loyd, President

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Date

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Kyle Shell, Secretary

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Date