



Minutes

Public Hearing and Monthly Board Meeting of the Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District

Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

President Nick Manheim called the Fox River & Countryside Fire Rescue District Public Hearing to order at 6:01 PM.

A. Roll Call

Present: Trustees Gaffney, Manheim, Seiffert, McManus (4)

Absent: Trustee Kennedy (1)

Also present: Fire Chief Michael Hill, Deputy Chief Jim Niesel, Attorney John Motylinski, Accountant Brad O'Sullivan, Admin Coordinator Tracy Dunklau, residents, and members of the District.

B. President Manheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Hearing on Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2026-02 for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2026, and Ending on April 30, 2027 (FY27)

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Gaffney and seconded by Trustee Seiffert to open the Public Hearing. All Ayes were heard. No testimony was heard. A motion was made by Trustee Gaffney and seconded by Trustee Seiffert to close the Public Hearing at 6:03 PM. All Ayes were heard.

3. Reports

A. Financial Report

Accountant Brad O'Sullivan provided the financial analysis and revenue highlights for the month ending May 31, 2026.

B. Chief's Report

Fire Chief Michael Hill presented the May district highlights, including:

- Chief Hill attended the Elgin Area Firefighters Memorial Service, the Elgin Community College apprentice program meeting, the MABAS Div 2 Chiefs' Meeting, the Kane County Chiefs' Meeting, and the KaneComm Subscribers meetings.
- Met with St Charles Park District re: updating of IGA for provision of fuel for vehicles.

- Completed DC Niesel's annual performance review and conducted a monthly officers meeting. Trustee McManus asked for clarification on DC Niesel's increase. Chief Hill explained that DC Niesel's increase is based on the addendum to his contract, as voted upon by the Board, and that he will post it to SharePoint.
- Reported on the house fire on Prairie Lakes Blvd, and a dryer fire at the Kane County Jail.
- The District participated in the end-of-the-school-year pub ed events at Bell-Graham and Wayne Elementary.
- DC Niesel attended the Line of Duty Death webinar.

C. Attorney's Report

Attorney Motylinski reported on EMS billing allowables for mutual aid responses.

D. President's Report

President Manheim and Chief Hill discussed the 1812's back-in-service date.

4. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Trustee Gaffney and seconded by Trustee Seiffert to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Items Approved:

A. Minutes of the May 12, 2026, Monthly Board Meeting - Open Session

B. Monthly Invoices

Roll Call Vote:

Yea: Trustees Gaffney, Manheim, McManus, Seiffert (4)

Absent: Trustee Kennedy (1)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

5. Action Items:

A. A motion was made by Trustee McManus and seconded by Trustee Seiffert to keep the semi-annual closed session minutes closed

Roll Call Vote:

Yea: Trustees Gaffney, Manheim, McManus, Seiffert (4)

Absent: Trustee Kennedy (1)

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business – None

A. Trustee Gaffney presented the possibility of installing gas pumps at Station 3

1. The Board directed Chief Hill to pursue the installation, with an intention to spend between \$25,000 and \$32,000.

2. Chief Hill asked the Board to consider renovating the workout room at Station 1. DC Niesel joined the conversation to explain previous modifications. President Manheim will evaluate the possibility of expansion into the current bunk room.

8. Closed Session

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Gaffney and seconded by Trustee Seiffert to adjourn to closed session at 6:35 PM to discuss personnel matters as permitted by the Open Meetings Act after a ten-minute recess.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea: Trustees Gaffney, Manheim, Seiffert, McManus (4)

Absent: Trustee Kennedy (1)

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

The Closed Session adjourned at 7:55 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:55 PM

9. Adjournment

With no further business brought before the Board, President Manheim adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

TJ Seiffert, Secretary