

January 21, 2026 PMVFD Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Roll call/quorum of board members confirmed. Present were Roy Golightly, Jim Miller, Carole Peterson, Jennifer Golightly, Jim Simpson, Ralph Sparks, Doug Hagee, Judy Miller, John Parr, Gerri Parr, Mike Peterson, Melissa Costa, Chris Lavine, Mike Williams and Mary Beauchamp.

Pledge and Prayer were given by Roy Golightly.

Also, Reed Palo, Loretta and Bernie Burnsed and Brian Descar attended the board meeting. Reed will eventually be the new fire chief per Doug Hagee.

The election of officers from the current board members was held next. Doug Hagee moved to re-elect all the current officers by acclamation, second by Melissa Costa. Motion passed unanimously. The 2026 officers are: Roy Golightly, President, Jim Miller, Vice President, Chris Lavine, Treasurer and Jennifer Golightly, Secretary.

Roy stated that the Minutes of the October 15, 2025 Board Meeting had previously been presented to the board. Ralph Sparks moved we accept the Minutes of the October 15, 2025 Meeting as submitted, second by Gerri Parr. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was given by Chris Lavine but he had some "awards" to give out first. Chris gave a t-shirt to Jack Costa in recognition for his mowing the grass for the fire department which said "I'm sexy and I mow it". Judy Miller stated that both Jack and Melissa have taken care of all the grounds for our buildings as volunteers for several years. Chris also personally sponsored a contest for board members to guess the total of the year ending balance in our bank account by adding the individual digits together. The prize for the winner was a \$100 gift card to the 178 Club. Three board members abstained from participating in the contest. Chris awarded 2 board members with handheld calculators for guessing the logical number of 35 and 2 other board members for guessing the highest and lowest numbers. There was a tie between 2 board members who guessed closest to the correct answer which was 38. A tie breaker was held and a winner declared.

We had a beginning balance of \$65,186.16 as of 9/30/25, deposits of \$15,161.06, disbursements of \$13,421.49 for a balance of \$66,925.73 as of 12/31/25. Chris wanted to point out that from our beginning balance as of January 1 to our ending December balance our accounts grew by almost \$10,000. We changed insurance companies this year so we had to pay the new insurance company \$4105 in December as opposed to January. There was not a lot of 4th quarter income except for the 2026 fees, the 833 money and the chili fundraiser in October. Our biggest payments in the 4th quarter were for insurance and the acoustical ceiling tiles. Chris said he planned to keep track of the winter energy bills especially in Station 3 which has a new oil heater. Chris provided the board with a full year 2025 income and expenditures breakdown. We had a good year in 2025 despite not receiving any grant money from Blue and You,

Arvest Bank or any others. We had 158 members submit fees as compared to 189 last year at the same time as of tonight's meeting. Chris is going to put a reminder on the community board that fees are due on January 1 of each year and add a note or email on the website. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Judy Miller, second by Mike Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Events Committee Report was given by Melissa Costa. The Chili Supper was held on October 25, 2025. There were 5 different varieties of chili and we had 87 people attend on a rainy night. We netted \$816.28 on the chili. Ken Comer donated 2 rifles for our raffle which netted \$1,075. Ken said he was willing to donate 2 more for the next chili supper. Due to the rain, we put up a miniature cover over the cement pad which did not help much. An anonymous donor has contacted Melissa and Mike Peterson about covering most of the cost for a permanent cover over the cement. It would be a basic cover like the one on the front of the T&E Center. The expense would be covered by a fundraiser so no funds would be coming out of the fire department account. Roy said that Melissa should go ahead and get all the information for it. The concrete pad usually has 5 or 6 tables with 6 chairs apiece for our fundraisers. Mike Peterson and Melissa will get together and come up with a plan. Carole said we can always pull the trucks out and use the building. Our fundraising total for 2025 was \$9954.65. Our fundraisers have been well supported and profitable. Our next fundraiser is our 4th annual Gumbo Fest which will be held on March 14. The Coulters will be cooking again along with Deanie's Louisiana sister Mary Keller. There will be a silent auction so Melissa is looking for silent auction items again. Gerri Parr offered to make a big pot of red beans and rice which was readily accepted. Most of the ingredients for the Gumbo Fest are donated by the Colters. Motion to accept the Event's Committee Report by Mary Beauchamp, second by Jim Simpson. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Report was given by Doug Hagee. He said we had a busy last couple of months but nothing in December. There were a couple of small wildfires that we responded too that were over with pretty quickly. We had to replace 4 batteries for \$300 each in the old brush truck - B4 which we've had now for 4 years. Flippin Auto helped us replace them. We also have a problem with the BR1- the new brush truck with the exhaust system. You have to have enough heat in the system to keep it clean but when we drive it - the check engine light comes on. Mike is going to look into replacing the thermostats on it. Doug is also talking to a guy in Lead Hill about replacing the thermostats. He thinks he will do it for a reasonable price because the parts don't cost very much. We may also have to replace one of the hoses. One of our new firefighters has also volunteered to do it. Tanker 2 is working great. We're still looking for a pumper but Doug hasn't found anything in our price range. We're still on the pumper list at Greenbriar Forestry but they go to whomever needs it the most. There was a big fire in Lakeview last night with tankers from Flippin, Lakeview, Yellville, Summit, Pyatt and Ralph Caney responding. There have been some pretty big structure fires in the county in the last couple of months. A new person did our pump testing this year and he told us that it's not a good idea to do our hose testing with the trucks. He suggested we get a hose tester which be a little more work for us but we'll be able to test them properly. As mentioned earlier, Reed is going to take over the role of fire chief once he completes all

his training. Doug is now the Assistant Marion County Fire Chef this year. Marion County is currently in the process of trying to get a new 911 dispatch system with consoles in the sheriff's department, new radios but they need a county grant to do that. Jim Miller commented that it was hard to understand the dispatchers. Our radio system has improved dramatically compared to 4 years ago. Our funding is also up dramatically this year. The county is going to be updating the hazardous material in the county and their overall emergency plan. Motion to accept the Fire Report by Mike Williams, second by Gerri Parr. Motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Medical Responders Report was given by Mary Beauchamp. We only had 3 calls. One call was an overdose death on 11/11. We had a trouble breathing on 8091 on 1/3. On 1/19 we had a 23 year old female who had taken a pill from someone else and was drinking but she was coming around. Mary asked to have her spending increased from \$500 to \$1000 because she needed to purchase batteries and pads for our AED's. Doug Hagee moved to increase Mary's spending limit to \$1000, seconded by Carole Peterson. Motion passed unanimously. Mary stated that our oxygen tanks are becoming obsolete. She took 4 tanks in to be refilled on October 10 but she only got 2 back because 2 were only good enough to be refilled. The other two had to go for testing and they did pass. They are being refilled but she has not received them back yet. We do not have a huge supply but unfilled tanks are expensive - \$74.95 each. We would need to purchase 10 plus the bag to carry them. We can use Blue and You to purchase the oxygen tanks. We want the same size that the ambulances carry because we can give them the empty tanks and they'll give us a new filled one. Blue and You is open right now and Mary can apply for the grant which are done quarterly now. Motion to accept the EMR Report by Gerri Parr, second by Melissa Costa. Motion passed unanimously.

Webmaster Report was given by Mike Williams. Mike made the website change in late 2023. In terms of unique visitors to the site in 2024 it was 7,000 and we doubled that in 2025 to 14,000. The average monthly visitors are 1200 now so we're getting more visitors on our site. We have some people paying their fees online along with some donations too. He's also working on the form on the website so we don't get so much spam. Cloudflare is working pretty well. Melissa's been giving him pictures but anyone can send in pictures or comments to him. He's thinking about creating a frequently asked questions page on the website along with the answers. Our ISO rating is on the home page. Mike would like either Melissa, Chris or Patty, his wife to put a link from the Facebook page back to the website. We do have a website link back to the community facebook page. Mike just received something from Mailchimp which is owned by Intuit. They've reduced the amount that you can have for contacts for free which is going to affect us. We have more than 250 contacts in our database to send out which would cause us to have to pay them money. Mike is going to have to look for another mail service. Melissa and Chris will post a reminder to pay fire fees on Facebook. Jim Miller wanted to thank Mike Williams for his work on the website. It looks so good and he does a great job. Motion to accept the Fire Report by Mike Peterson, second by Jim Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Roy wanted to thank everybody for getting the newsletter out. It went very well this year. He changed printing vendors this year and we saved about \$160 from what we paid last year. He thanked everyone for their contributions. It looks great on the website.

The following email spending requests were approved at the board meeting:

1. Hose testing apparatus-\$3,502
2. Coat & pants for Reed Palo-\$2,605
3. Acoustical ceiling materials-\$3,840
4. Four batteries for brush truck B4-\$1,400

New Business

Jim Miller said about 4 years ago we replaced the fluorescent lighting in Station 1 with LED lights. Recently, he had to replace 1/3 of those lights. They were ordered from 2 different vendors and hopefully, these will last longer. They're doing well in Station 2.

Melissa wanted to update the board on some TEC changes. The ceiling acoustics were installed in August. At the Chili Supper in October it became evident that we needed to look at wall panels as well. We ordered 5 wall panels and installed them and they have made a big difference. Jim Miller has repainted the floors and ordered 2 new "mudbuster" door mats which will soak up the water and keep the floor from getting slippery. A chair mat was installed underneath the desk to protect the floor and we removed the extension cord in the coffee pot area.

Deanie Colter is involved in an organization called Axel Missions that is based in Lead Hill, Arkansas and serves several surrounding communities. They do an outreach where they go to different communities, serve a meal and then present the gospel in an open air park setting. She asked Melissa if she could use the kitchen once a month to peel, slice and dice 80 pounds of potatoes. They would not be cooking them - only processing them. Chris will check on a waiver of liability which are easy to find online. As long as there's no conflict with anything that we do, Judy Miller moved that we allow them to use our facilities on a trial basis. Mike Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Roy asked Melissa to email the board after the meeting with Axel and let us know the date.

Mary went ahead and took both The Heart Saver CPR for the general public and the BLS CPR which is required by all medical personnel. She is going to teach the BLS course but also use some of The Heart Saver just for the education so she is ordering the complete set.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Miller, second by Mary Beauchamp. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

