

July 15, 2026 PMVFD Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00PM.

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

Pledge was led by Roy Golightly, prayer given by Ralph Sparks.

Roy stated that the Minutes of the April 15, 2026, Board Meeting had previously been presented to the board. Doug Hagee moved we accept the Minutes of the April 15, 2026, Meeting as submitted, second by Mike Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was given by Chris Lavine. We had a beginning balance of \$70,505.45 as of 3/31/26, deposits of \$19,897.59, disbursements of \$36,048.90 for a balance of \$54,354.14 as of 6/30/26. We started off the quarter at around \$70,000 but we quickly depleted that with the purchase of a pumper. We built the balance back up to just under \$55,000 with the sale of E1 plus we received the 833 money for the first and second quarters. He cashed the second quarter sales tax yesterday for \$3700 which is not included in the total. Chris said we never really used the Maintenance line item, so he's moved \$15,000 out of it and back to the General Fund. He created a line item for the radios with \$8,000. In addition, everything that qualifies as 833 money is being shown as 833 money. Currently, we don't have to worry about using the money this year. It was a busy quarter. There were lots of payments that came out including costs for the patio. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Ralph Sparks, second by Mary Beauchamp. Motion passed unanimously.

Events Committee Report was given by Melissa Costa. Melissa stated that Chris Lavine had passed on to her the Annual Roadside Cleanup coordination. The Roadside Cleanup was held on April 25th with a crew of about 48 workers that covered trash pickup for close to 65 miles. There was a nice "pre-cleaning" breakfast provided by Deanie Coulter and Judy Miller. There were approximately 22 bags of trash collected plus there are people in the community that collect trash all year round. Next, we had our June 13th barbecue which served 120 people. The Kelloggs donated all the meat, beans and bog. Melissa tried a "fifty-fifty raffle" at the barbecue just to see how well it worked. We raised \$180 with the winner donating his half of \$90 back to the fire department. The barbecue netted a total of \$1,946. The cost was \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. Melissa posted on Facebook a photo of the plates of the food from the barbecue and asked people what they thought the price should be. The responses ranged from \$18 to \$25. She is thinking about raising the price next year to \$18 for adults and \$9 for kids. After the event, she asked her helpers for some feedback as to what we could do better next year. One of the first things mentioned was "keep people

out of the kitchen” so Melissa has had a sign made stating “Kitchen and Event Staff Only!” It will hang in the doorway at face level of the kitchen. The next thing was server relief, so Melissa is going to try to have 2 shifts at each event. Our next one is the pancake breakfast on August 8 from 8:30am to 10:30am. This was originally started as a volunteer appreciation breakfast. The cost will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids. The Chili Supper is planned for October 24th. Ken Comer is still donating something for the chili supper. Motion to accept the Events Committee Report by Doug Hagee, second by Judy Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Report was given by Doug Hagee. We had one auto-aide call to a Peel structure fire. Nobody got the tone-out on their radio except Doug. Lakeway and Summit did not get it either. He and Ralph went to it and used a little water out of the tanker but afterwards got stuck in the mud. They were able to pull the tanker out of the mud the next day with the B4. All the trucks are doing good except for E3 which had a radio problem which has been repaired. There was someone from ISO at the Chief’s Meeting Reid and Doug went to. We found out the ISO Rating is going to happen in the fall of this year - probably in October but no date yet. We knew it was coming but we didn’t think it would be this year. We shouldn’t have a problem maintaining our 6 rating, but we do need to do a lot prior including paperwork and hose testing. Pump testing is scheduled for November right now. Reed Palo is the most trained firefighter we have on the fire department. Doug is planning to turn the fire department over to Reed sometime this fall - maybe after the ISO rating is complete. Next year the Pine Mountain Fire Chief will be Marion County Fire Chief but both Doug and Reed will be doing it. Reed has been talking with Melissa about some of the communication issues we have with the sheriff’s department, but he hopes he will have a chance to make some inroads there. There are problems with Tone Out for auto aides. They have about 5 tones but we received only 1 tone and then they started talking. Doug doesn’t see any real issues coming up with the ISO rating. Motion to accept the Fire Report by Mary Beauchamp, second by Mike Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Medical Responders Report was given by Mary Beauchamp. It was a pretty quiet quarter. On 5/18 we had a fall but it was just a lift assist on MC 8059. We had a call on 5/28 on Eagle Ridge, but it was a false alarm. On 7/11 down on 8007 a 72-year-old maybe had a stroke but he went to the ER. We had a call to 8094 for our former fire chief who was having chest pains and shortness of breath. He was pretty stable, but he did go to the hospital. She ordered a new battery and pads for the defibrillator in E1. It still gives her an error code, but it still works. It gives error code 5183 when you turn it on and then turns itself off, but when you turn it back on again it works fine. Motion to accept the EMR Report by Melissa Costa, second by Doug Hagee. Motion passed unanimously.

Webmaster Report was sent in via email by Mike Williams as he was sick and unable to attend the meeting. The website is running okay. He hasn’t made any new changes other than keeping it updated. Below is the report Mike submitted in his absence.

- Web traffic is averaging about 1600 unique visitors per month; 1.4 visits per visitor; and a little over 2 pages per visitor.
- If Reed is assuming the Assistant Chief role the Contact Us page needs to be updated. Doug said he was going to talk about that later in the meeting.
- Again, anyone who has pictures of events, fire fighter activities, etc., please send them his way. Roy said they can be used for the website and the newsletter.
- If you would like your own personal website address with @pinemountainvfd.org, please let Mike know. Emails can be forwarded to your personal email, or you can use it as a standalone account.
- He made minor updates to the database, especially when Chris gets cards filled out. If you know of any new neighbors, people who have left, etc. please let him know.

Doug Hagee said to leave the Assistant Fire Chief as Ralph Sparks for now. Doug will let Mike Williams know if that changes. Motion to accept the Webmaster Report by Gerri Parr, second by Jim Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

The following spending requests were all approved by email. Roy asked for a motion to have them officially added to the minutes. Ralph Sparks moved that we approve all three, second by Mary Beauchamp. Motion passed unanimously.

1. New fire truck
2. Money allocation for county radio grant
3. Sale of E1

Doug said that they're happy with the new fire truck. It's all set up with the radio installed and ready for action.

The grant request for the county radios was 1.8 million. They were trying to get it done at the state level, but it was shut down. The Sheriff's Department did get theirs done by legislation. The decision was made to go at the county level and ask for money to replace all the radios in all the fire departments in Marion County. It was initially thought that the Sheriff's Department would take care of the upgrade on the towers but that may not happen. In the 1.8 million request, \$400,000 of it is set aside to upgrade the towers. The rest of it is for the handheld radios that cost around \$4500 each which have to meet certain specifications for fire departments. They have to be waterproof, withstand up to 500 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes and up to 1700 degrees for a few seconds. The \$4500 cost includes the radio, the charger, 2 batteries, the antenna and the mike. We have 20 radios right now and Doug has requested the same amount for the new radios. The grant request for was for 254 handheld radios. The mobile radios for the trucks are \$4200 each and are required to be installed in the vehicles. Peel was going to host the grant but they had problems with their SAM account because they failed to renew it

every year. It is currently run out of the OEM office and if and when the grant is approved, it should be around 6,000 or 7,000 dollars. There was no way we could have received the grants by ourselves. It was better to do it at the county level. The OEM office at the state level is the actual fiscal agent for the grant. The Sheriff's Office controls dispatch but they're not easy to work with. Reed has spoken to the current staff at OEM (Office of Emergency Management) and they are very much on board with us in resolving some of our issues. Reed's background is that he worked in the Sheriff's Office and ran the dispatch center and the jail. He hopes in the next year that we will have some input to the communication problems with dispatch. FEMA makes the decision as to who gets the grant and then OEM works with FEMA. The Chief's Association working with OEM will make the decisions on the radios. We should know if the grant goes through or not in the next month or two.

Doug listed the E1 for sale on Facebook and he quickly sold it for \$5000 in cash but unfortunately, the buyer totaled it when he was about 4 miles from home.

New Business

Roy stated that the Notice of Intent (NOI) forms are due at the end of August if you intend to run for the board. You can place it in the Drop Box at the TEC Center or send it to Jennifer, Jim Miller, Chris Lavine or Roy who will make sure it's duly noted.

Roy said that everyone has a copy of the newsletter flyer in front of them. Roy asked the board if we wanted to do the same approach as we did last year: mail the flyers, put the newsletter on the website and print out some newsletters for the members who want them. Sixty newsletters were printed last year, and we gave out about 50 copies. Chris said the number of people that paid was 187 or 189 last year. We went over that by 2 or 3 this year. We had about 20 people that were new and about 20 who did not pay again. Doug Hagee said we should stick with what we're currently doing and the board members agreed with Doug. Roy said he would have a final copy for the October meeting so it can be approved with all the correct info. Then he will have them printed and mailed out. Doug asked if we should wait until December to mail them due to all the political mail that's being sent out for the November elections. Roy can wait as long as we need to because the printing company he uses in Mt Home can have them printed and mailed out in a couple of days.

Chris Lavine does everything on his old Microsoft laptop computer. He has to use their software for emails and is not able to attach files to his emails in a straightforward manner. Ralph moved that we buy a dedicated PMVFD laptop. Doug suggested Chris may want to buy a refurbished Microsoft laptop which are much cheaper. Chris will do research to see what he can find. Jim Miller moved that we approve at least \$1,000 for the purchase of a computer and the software to go along with it. Mary Beauchamp seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Doug stated that to qualify for 833 money we needed a minimum of 4 SCBA's with 2 on each pumper with the extra bottles to go with them. We received the information for ISO and it calls for each pumper to have 4 SCBA's with 4 bottles. The penalty for not having that amount on each truck is that you cannot count it as a pumper and then we only have one station. Ralph stated to use the SCBA's you need 2 people fully dressed out with 2 more fully dressed out backing up. The new SCBA's are 4500 PSI and the old ones are 2216 PSI. Our compressor is now set up to do 4500 PSI. Doug researched the internet for refurbished SCBA's and found a company that gave him a quote for four totally refurbished 2013 4500 PSI SCBA's with 4 masks and 8 brand new bottles for \$14,000 but they were MSA's which are different from what we currently have. So Doug contacted the company we purchased our current SCBA's from and they gave him a quote for four 100% refurbished 2013 SCBA's with 4500 PSI, 4 refurbished masks and 8 new 45-minute bottles for \$13,990. Doug recommended that we buy those. Judy Miller moved that we buy them, Mary Beauchamp seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Beauchamp said you cannot see most the of numbers on the mailboxes. MC 8001 has some nice big green numbers that are easy to read and glow at night. She wanted to know if we could raise our annual fire fees to include the numbers to make an address easier to read for emergencies. Doug say the ones you see in Lakeway may be sold to the residents through the fire department. Jim Miller says he has written about that very thing every year in the newsletter and how important those numbers are on a mailbox. Doug said Apple/Google maps work great if you're trying to find a residence without numbers. Roy said everyone agrees with the concept but it's the execution that concerned him. Roy said let's do some groundwork investigation and come back to it at the next meeting to discuss.

Jim Miller and Doug talked about the pine tree behind the TEC with branches over the roof that needs to be trimmed or cut down. Jim thought if it needs to be removed - it's going to take a climber to take it down piece by piece. The board decided to take it down after some discussion. Jim Miller will get an estimate on taking it down and send out an email for approval.

Jim Miller said the next thing he wanted to discuss was removing the long piece of awning lying on the side of the TEC building. Mike Peterson said he would haul it out and scrap it.

Jim Miller said he wanted to recognize and give thanks to several people on the board. He wanted to give special thanks to Mike Peterson for getting the new roof up over the patio before the barbecue fundraiser. He wanted to thank Melissa Costa for making the building so beautiful and inviting. And to thank Doug Hagee for all the work he does for the fire department. And a special thanks to Roy Golightly because he runs a terrific meeting. The last person he wanted to thank was Reed Palo for going thru the academy to become our new fire chief. We have a really good group!

Motion to adjourn by Jim Miller, second by Doug Hagee. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.