



Minutes – WFPA

Board of Directors Meeting – November 8th , 2025

8:45am – Executive Session

Board members present for the meeting – Clyde McKay, Bill Loughrige, Jeff Anderson, Lance Gilbert, Roger Nusbaum, Bill Good, Marti Mahoney

9:15am – Begin General Session

- The Quorum has been met.

APPROVE AGENDA -

Bill Loughrige makes the motion to approve the meeting agenda. Jeff Anderson seconds the motion. Agenda is approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Clyde McKay

It's been a very busy year with events and new events. Grateful for Board work and all the volunteers. Clyde will be making his Winter President's article about Community, volunteering, neighbors helping neighbors.

Bill Loughrige makes the Motion to approve report. Jeff Anderson seconds. All in favor.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Marti Mahoney

Bill Loughrige makes the motion to accept the minutes from last month and dispense with the reading of the minutes. Jeff Anderson seconds. All in favor

TREASURER’S REPORT – Lance Gilbert

1. Completed Wire transfer for the new Brush 80 replacement. Still need to provide title docs to the accountant and follow up with insurance.
2. Golf tournament – Net was approx. \$11,454. Raffle prizes donated totaled \$4228
3. 2024 Taxes completed. Reviewed with accountant questions on revenue. Investment income increased +\$20K due to the sale of old E86 due to being a fully depreciated asset. The general income was up due to increased revenue from the fish fries, golf tournament and also the wildland program.
Other income included proceeds from WTCS.
4. Donations this month were \$4,645
5. Expenses for this month were \$15,314.16. This does not include Payroll, Wildland and Ramp charges of \$16,699.25
6. WTCS cash on hand is \$43,793.20
Jeff Anderson is working on the insurance. Should have back the new policy this week. He is working on a (2) year policy coverage plan.

Discussion: Roger Nusbaum asked if the crew can use their Ramp cards for Wildland? Lance will be checking with Rachel, and regarding floating monies. Typically it takes (30) days turn around for Ramp payments. State remittance can take 30 to 60 days after filing.

Discussion regarding WFPA budget information going on the Webpage. Lance is working to put that information together with a focus on the priority items and information. This info will also be included on the “red signs” notification boards for Walker Fire-WFPA expenses and Community assist.

Motion to approve Treasurer’s report by Bill Loughrige. Jeff Anderson seconds. All in favor.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – Roger Nusbaum

Calls

Three medical calls and one vehicle accident.

Training

UTV accident scenario and structure fire tactics.

We also had three firefighters participate in the prescribed fires along Walker Rd.

Fleet

Old Brush 80 is back in service until the new garage can be completed.

Discuss paint or wrap the new Brush 80

Personnel

No report.

Facilities

PRCC

I met with T-Mobile via PRCC. They are working with T-Mobil on a couple of things. One is creating a backup to radio coms. There are occasional outages related to the repeaters as well as the phone company. T-Mobil has tech to serve as a backup, it’s a modern update to PTT through an app.

It all runs through Starlink. I am still waiting to hear on dollars and cents but the hardware can solve our 5G signal issues. A Starlink mini can be mounted on top of the vehicle to create an “internet bubble” of about 100 feet. There is also a backpack version of the Starlink mini which could have come in handy the time we had to hike up to the guy who got kicked by his horse.

I asked for a quote for two Starlink minis for vehicles (\$2400 each), one backpack (hardware we’d have to buy) and then app licenses (recurring charge) for 20-25 firefighters to have the PTT. If none of the department regulars have T-Mobil, then I’d need to get a second phone from T-Mobil to be the “hub” for all the PTT licenses that would be \$64/mo.

The Starlink minis supposedly are easy to remove and place onto different vehicles.

If we did this ourselves, we may not have the integration for backup with PRCC.

Still waiting for more numbers from them and then figure out what if anything we actually need. The PTT might be more of a luxury and if it is true that the Starlink minis are easy to move, we might just need one.

Other

Discuss hiring a grant writer. Roger has located a grant writer. Discussion on hiring him for a one-time usage to determine how this moves forward. He has already located one grant that we may use towards expenses on the new building. Cost offer Max \$1000 for fee.

Bill Lougrige makes the Motion to hire this gentleman for one time trial. Jeff Anderson seconds. All in favor.

Roger Nusbaum has meeting this next week with the “100 MEN” to review where we utilized the donation dollars received. He’ll be sharing the purchase of the new air equipment (free) for service and set up expenses.

Discussion on the new truck and decision to wrap the truck with Walker Fire decals vs painting expense. Charlie may have source and Jeff also will be getting quotes for this. Estimated costs expected \$3000 to 5000.

Jeff Anderson makes the Motion to accept the Fire Chief’s report. Bill Loughrige seconds. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Trash – Clyde McKay

We are having some issues with the locks this last month. Clyde has ordered new batteries which appear to be malfunctioning due to the colder weather. He has also ordered a couple additional locks. Discussion on reducing the 2026 subscription fees. This information will be added to the Newsletter. Clyde is working on community email for 2026 Trash subscribers and will get with Bill Good for review and sending out. Lance is working on setting up Zelle as option for payment on subscribers.

Station Maintenance –

- Bill Good is still chasing Hobart for confirmation on the invoice and cancellation of that invoice. He is also working to get scheduled maintenance and expense confirmation.
- Lance Gilbert had shelves put in to the PP station and Big Bug station. Continued review of storage and equipment in those sub stations to trash, donate or sell.
- Shawn Murphy will be completing the gravel at the BB station
- Need to schedule the work renovation on the Red Signs. -

Insurance –

No changes on standard insurance. Policies are current and up to date in payment

FUND RAISING – Jeff Anderson

- Discussion to add a Newsletter article on Raffle prizes ?
- Clyde suggestion for a “Cowboy – Walker Ball” gathering for the end of the season each year. Including food, music, dancing; possibly raffle prizes.

Website – Clyde McKay

No change

Grants – Jeff Anderson

No change

Firewise Report – Loren Bykerk (not in attendance)

Improvements – Clyde McKay

Louie is meeting with Surveyors this month for new building layout. Plans are due next week. Reference October's cost estimate information and direction to move forward with Soils Test, Survey and permitting.

Suggestion that a Building Committee Team is set up for moving forward with New Garage Building. Includes monthly meetings to review current and future schedule and coordination.

Merchandise – Marti Mahoney

Merchandise Meeting was held last month including Karen Gonzeles, Tiffany Flower, Clyde, Marti, Jeff and Lance. Review for 2026 season on design ideas, merchandise and costs.

Clyde and Karen to schedule a second meeting before the end of the year with Team to review samples, merchandise, logo design and costs.

- Decision to donate pet items to United Animal Friends (Joellyn Nusbaum)
- Decision to donate some of the older Kids merchandise items to Bill for Pancake Breakfast

OLD BUSINESS –

Community Education - Clyde McKay

Continued thanks to Roger Nusbaum for the videos on FB on community information; Walker Fire information and updates. Well received. Please continue this outreach and information.

Clean up – Clyde McKay

Continued review and organization and clean up at the Station for the Garage Building, Shed and pump house needed. Desire to move some of the kitchen cooking equipment into the shed area to open up the Kitchen walking area.

NEW BUSINESS –

Winter Newsletter - Clyde McKay / Marti Mahoney

Deadline for completed Newsletter by end of November to the Printer

Deadline for all information and articles Nov 15th to Marti Mahoney

Marti Mahoney states that the newsletter is about 75% complete. Waiting information on the business ads and donations.

Calendar events discussion to revise Walker Day (remove Rummage sale) and combine with Kids Day for a total Family Event. This event will be in further discussion next year for coordination.

Mailing list and updated information needed from Bill, Joyce or Clyde

Clyde has researched different printer and costs. Info/ contact needs to be provided to Marti.

Schedule date for Board to stamp and address the newsletter for mail out.

Red Signs – Clyde McKay

The three signs in Walker (Fire Station; Walker/Big Bug Road; mailbox row/Walker Rd).

Bill Good to arrange time with Louie Reale to review and put together a material list / costs needed for the repair and replacement. This will include the "Name" sign at the Mailbox row that was damaged.

Public Comments – none

10:31 – Adjournment

Bill Loughrige makes the Motion to adjourn and Jeff Anderson seconds. All in favor and we are adjourned.

End