



**Minutes – WFPA
WFPA ANNUAL MEETING – May 23rd, 2026**

8:45am – Executive Session

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

9:00 am – Begin General Session

Greeting of Community by Clyde McKay.

Marti Mahoney - The Quorum has been met for attendance.

The 2025 Annual Meeting minutes have been uploaded to the webpage. Motion to dispense with the reading of the 2025 minutes. All in Favor. Aye. Motion passed.

Chief's Report – Roger Nusbaum

The WFPA department responded to 4 car fires, a smoldering tree call, and multiple medical calls. Total (26) calls this last year for service. Currently we have (27) volunteers on the Department. Some new trainees and we are always looking for new volunteers to join.

The expenses for the department are growing every year. This includes trucks, new or repairs on equipment, bigger trucks required and replacement of outdated vehicles. Our Workman's Comp insurance has been increasing and impacts the yearly budget estimated. It may be approximately \$23,000 this year and becomes a large part of the budget we need.

There has been repairs needed to maintain our current equipment and trucks and certifications also needed for the same. Communications (i.e. radios, phone) are must have items to coordinate with our Dispatch and our team. We have outgrown the station garage area with the newer trucks required which are longer than the older vehicles.

We were hoping to move forward with a new station building however we have run into delays from the County with no responses to requests for variances, site info and permits required. The Board is now looking into possibility of expansion at the Office area to allow for a vehicle to be parked in that location and a portable building for the Office area.

We need to upgrade our Water Tender(s) and new trucks will not fit (stacked) as we currently have them set up in the station. This again requires renovations or new buildings.

The take on this is a repeat of everything is increasing in costs, our expenses are growing and bigger vehicles required which makes running the department more complex every year.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

1. Do we currently have the monies in the budget for a new building or renovations?
Yes – Lance will be speaking on that back up information
2. Do we currently have the monies in the budget for a new Water Tender?
Yes – Lance will be speaking on that information.

Walker Merchandise – Karen Gonzales

A big thank you to the Community for the continued support and purchasing of Walker brand merchandise as all of those sales go directly in to the WFPA Budget for the Fire Department. We have new design items this year with the Mama Bear, continued Vintage logo items. Items will be out for purchase at every event thru September so please join us and continue to buy and support WFPA.

We have new volunteers joining the team this year. And we have a new POS system for sales and tracking our sales. Please allow us some time to get familiar with the new items and new system.

President's Report – Clyde McKay

A big thank you for the large turn out today for the first Annual Meeting / Pancake Breakfast event. And for all those that took the time to vote and participate. Thank you for the continued contributions and donations supporting the WFPA Fire Department.

An introduction to the current Board Members – Lance Gilbert, Bill Loughrige, Marti Mahoney, Bill Good attending; Louie Reale and Bill Keena out of town. A recognition to the spouses of the Board members who support them and the work and time spent weekly taking care of WFPA duties and events.

Brief overview of our growing expenses and costs for everything on the operating budget. When Clyde started our budget was around \$120,000 and this year its estimated to be around \$ 145,000. The goals for the Board continue to investigate opportunities to reduce costs, getting different quotes for insurance; equipment and trucks; and ways to hold fund raising events to bring in more donations. Last year we added the Fish Fry event and 2026 will have the 3rd Annual Golf Tournament. We have added more volunteers and are always looking and needing additional people to come along side the teams.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

1. What is the Cowboy Ball and when ?

Event is slated for September. Board is still working thru the details but it's geared for a fun night with a meal and music.

Treasurer's Report – Lance Gilbert

WFPA Fiscal year runs from June to May so with the annual meeting in May I do not have the final numbers. As I explained in the earlier newsletter we track the financials in 3 separate functions all under the WFPA. The WFPA with the prime task of funding the fire department, The Wildland Program which sends resources out of area with the intent of using the income for fleet replacement and lastly the WTCS. The expenses do intermix sometimes but are reviewed and discussed in the board meetings so deviations from the budget are accounted for.

Expenses

Projected budget was \$145850, Actual YTD is \$148393.

Examples of major expenses

5080 Equipment Maintenance - \$25802 (+\$5802)

5100 Firefighting - \$3338 (-\$6661)

5140 Insurance - \$13446 (-\$4033)

5260 Vehicle - \$20131 (-\$4868)

5250 Utilities - \$7300 (-\$2699)

Note still 1 month left and we repaired and set up a SCBA refill donated by CAFMA and replaced B80 after and expensive breakdown.

Newsletter expense was projected at \$13000, actual was \$5246 (-\$7753) due to volunteers taking over the folding, stamping and mailing.

Income

Projected budget was \$120000 (\$70K from donations and \$50K from fundraising)

4200 Donations - \$75804 plus \$84410 from fundraising plus and additions \$132246 in donations in the form of grants for a total of \$304284

Fundraising expense was \$41806 so the net was \$42604 not including inventory.

Note Merchandise inventory is built up in the spring to cover summer events and gets recovered in the next fiscal year. We are still returning \$2 to \$2.5 dollars for every Dollar spent.

Examples of fundraiser incomes

4230 Merchandise - \$19308 (+\$4308)

4286 Golf - \$20160

4285 Fish Fry - \$10594

4260 PCB - \$9212 (+\$3212)

4270 Walker Day - \$7004 (-\$6340)

Wildland

This is not budgeted as it is hard to predict fire activity and resources.

4350 State Reimbursement - \$248228

5120 Wildland expenses - \$5213

5210 Payroll - \$206592 which includes our Workman Comp expense

Net - \$36582 which will be slotted for fleet replacement

WTCS

Current operating costs are \$39000 to \$40000 per year. Current cash holding is \$50771 with about \$20000 in expenses left for the Calander year.

We typically end up with \$20K to \$30K left over that gets slotted for the ChipNHaul program.

Leftovers funds get sweep into the WFPA.

Due to the lack of Grant funding available for ChipNHaul these funds become more critical to keep this program running for the community. As always we will be reviewing the fees for the trash service as changes that were done have significantly reduced illegal dumping expenses and allowed us to reduce the number of dumpsters required but we should be prepared for additional cost increases. Looking at other potential dumpster companies posed a significant cost increase.

Summary

We are currently expecting next year's budget to be around \$150000. We have approx. that amount in savings as a buffer for operating expenses. There are still some budgeting costs to sort out as we are currently reviewing insurance renewals for the upcoming year, changes to costs for communications and unexpected costs for the fleet. Workman's Comp insurance is potentially changing and that could affect our budget significantly.

We also have approx. \$237418 in funds additionally set aside for fleet replacement. The board has been working on a potential new garage and replacement of one of our 30+ year old water tenders. These funds are from Wildland income and the large grant type donations we received.

We have streamlined some of the accounting with the implementation of Ramp (credit card management) which also has returned about \$1900 in cash back. As Roger always points out, running a fire department never gets easier. The board has worked hard to generate a lot of additional income to allow growth and improve the department operations but it really relies on the generous donations from the community as the core funding that makes this happen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS and/or QUESTIONS:

1. Concern over the EL locks at the dumpsters. Who is addressing this ?
Direction for anyone having questions, concerns or problems to contact Bill Good who is the coordinator for the Trash WTCS. Information is on the webpage.
2. Question of the signs regarding Fire Ban and restrictions. Who provides these ?
Clarification those are provided and set up by the County.

3. Do we know if, when or who will be working on the signs or mailbox row area ?
The area was purchased by the County a year ago. No information or updates have been provided to the community (or the Board) to date. The red sign is in the planning for replacement similar to the new one at the station.
4. Do we have any info on the piles left by the loggers, or County where they have cleared trees and brush but left large piles around different properties?
There is no current schedule, but we have heard that there is plan for October or Fall timing to do a clean up by the Forest Dept.

Final Quorum Report – Clyde McKay

We have met our required quorum of (124) voting members.

Presentation of Candidates

Clyde McKay – Full time resident in walker. Has been on the WFPA Board for (9) years. Feels strongly about the current Board member team how they work together as a group and healthy discussions for the duties of the Board.

Louie Reale – Currently on vacation. (Clyde sharing info) --- Full time resident near Misty Mountain Loop. He has been on the board for 2 years. Louie has been working with the station Maintenance, researching for the renovations and/or new building, and coordinating with the Food crew for events

Bill Keena – Currently on vacation. (Clyde share info) – Part time resident near Misty Mountain Loop. Came in as interim member and wants to continue to assist the WFPA and the Board. He wants to coordinate the Golf Tournament this year and has been assisting the Food team.

Bill Loughrige – Part time resident in Walker. Family has been in Walker since 1947. He has been on the board for 14 years.

Nominates from the floor – Clyde McKay

None

Voting Result – Clyde Mckay

Results by Acclimation for all Candidates to be accepted as the new 2026-2028 Board Members.

10:00 Adjournment

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