

# Red Wing Fire Department Relief Association

-- Incorporated February 16, 1892 --

◆ 420 Plum Street ◆ Red Wing ◆ Minnesota ◆ 55066 ◆ 651/388-7142 ◆

## Special Board Meeting

### Red Wing Fire Department Relief Association

April 10, 2025

Red Wing Fire Department Station 1 at 1715

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## MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by President Zenner at 1716
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Iocco led the Pledge of Allegiance at 1716
3. Roll Call – A quorum was present:
  - a. The following Board members were present: Trustee Eric Alms, Vice-President Alicia Doane, Mayor Gary Iocco, Secretary Dan Knott, Trustee Bill Redman (by phone), Chief Mike Warner, and President Chris Zenner
  - b. The following Board members were absent: Trustee Kim Beise, Treasurer Grady Nelson
4. Approval of the Agenda – Knott moved and Doane seconded at 1717 to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously at 1718.
5. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting – Knott moved and Alms seconded at 1718 to approve the draft minutes of the meetings of the 26 February 2025 Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Elections:
  - a. Trustee-at-Large (incumbent Grady Nelson): Knott noted that the By-Laws give the Board the authority to replace members who resign mid-term, and that Nelson, now no longer being a Paid-on-Call (POC) Firefighter, has resigned as Trustee and Treasurer. He had held an “at-large” trustee position, so we could replace him with someone from any POC Company, following the tradition of having one designated trustee from each POC Company and “at-large” trustees. Zenner opened nominations at 1720, and Knott nominated and Doane seconded Peter Kraabel, who was present and accepted the nomination. There were no other nominees and Knott moved and Doane seconded to close nominations at 1721, which passed unanimously. Kraabel was elected unanimously to complete the balance of Nelson’s Trustee term at 1721.
  - b. Treasurer (incumbent Grady Nelson): Zenner opened nominations for Treasurer and Knott nominated and Doane seconded Eric Alms. There were no other nominees and Alms moved and Kraabel seconded to close nominations at 1722. Alms was elected unanimously to complete the balance of Nelson’s Treasurer term at 1722. Chief Warner noted he would

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make Nelson available during work hours to assist in transitioning the Treasurer position to Alms.

## 7. New Business:

a. Deferred Member Payment for Shane Linder – Knott provided an update on Shane Linder’s payment, noting that Nelson/Alms will work with Linder, Parr-McKnight, and Abdo to ensure that the numbers are accurate, and once they have a payout recommendation we will call another special Board meeting. No Board action required.

b. City Fund Improvement Process – Knott provided an update from Nelson that he had spoken with the City and with Parr-McKnight about setting up electronic payments between the City and Parr-McKnight on behalf of the Association, however there was apparently a hitch on the City’s side and that they would continue to work together to get that resolved so that when it is time to transfer the State funds to the Association next year the City can do so electronically. No Board action required.

c. Cemetery Flowers – Knott provided an update on the City’s decision to end the “perpetual” flower fund at Oakwood Cemetery for those who last paid into the fund prior to 1974. He spoke with the City, and they confirmed that the Association’s payment into the fund was in 1971, so we would need to pay again if we wanted to continue to participate in the fund. The City has already ordered this year’s flowers, so the change would be effective in 2026. The cost to continue with the perpetual flower fund would be \$2500 if we acted now, but that the City Council was considering raising the flower fund fee, so there is a chance it could increase if we waited. Mayor Iocco also noted that the City Council is also considering changing it from a “perpetual” fund to a 25-year flower fund, but that that proposal has not yet passed the Council. Knott moved and Doane seconded to authorize \$2500 to continue with the perpetual flower fund through the City. Knott also noted that there is a crack in the Fire Memorial flower holder, and that he and Zenner were exploring possible ways to repair it. Chief Warner recommended that we also talk to Retired Captain Sperlak, who had been involved in maintaining the Fire Memorial. At 1731 the motion passed unanimously.

d. Shirts/Fundraising – Zenner provided an update on getting the T-shirts from Carlson, but that Carlson has been wanting pre-payment, so he will work with Carlson for an invoice and then Nelson or Alms to try to get a check for Carlson so we can move forward with ordering the T-shirts. No Board Action required.

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- e. Expense Reimbursement – Knott noted that Nelson had asked for authorization to pay the Association’s life insurance premium, which had been left out of this year’s budget inadvertently. He did not have the final amount, but thought that \$500 should be sufficient. Knott moved and Doane seconded to approve \$500 for insurance premium payment at 1735. The motion passed unanimously. There was a question raised about whether it is paid out of the General or Special Fund, but we noted we would have to check with Nelson to find out how it has been paid in the past and how the auditors have previously treated it.
- f. Additional Business – Zenner raised the idea of the Association getting a charge/credit card. There was some discussion among the Board about the purpose for and need to establish policies covering its use if we were to get one. The consensus was that we would need to consider this in more depth at a later time. No action was taken by the Board.
8. Adjournment – Knott moved, and Doane seconded, a motion to adjourn at 1744. The motion passed unanimously.

## Next Meetings, Events:

- June 18, 2025 – Summer Feed, Colvill Pavilion, 1700 – 1900
- December 11, 2025 – Board/Budget Meeting, Station 2, 1700 – 1900