

**Hotchkiss Fire District  
Meeting Minutes**

**December 8, 2025**

**Board Members:** Dan Miller, President, Kathy Welt, Vice President, Zach Hotchkiss, Treasurer/Secretary, Diane Walker, Ron Prosser.

**Fire Chief:** Doug Fritz

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Cally Gallegos

Meeting was called to order by Dan Miller at 6:30pm

**Minutes Reviewed;** Motion to approve the minutes was made by Zach Hotchkiss, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Prosser. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:**

General Fund Checking Balance as of November 30, 2025 -	\$61513.33
Special Projects	\$5822.51
Pension Fund as of October 31, 2025	\$853233.52
Fireman Fund	\$6077.92

Ron Prosser makes a motion to approve the financial report, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Kathy Welt. Motion carried. Dan Miller mentioned that Doug didn't need to explain charges line by line. That the board could ask questions if they saw anything on the spreadsheet that they had questions about. Kathy Welt asked what the double billed was regarding on the credit card spreadsheet. Doug Fritz explained that those show up on the statement by didn't really happen. The board had no questions regarding the expenses for bills presented. The motion was made by Kathy Welt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zach Hotchkiss. Motion carried.

Public comment – Niki Carpenter reported that they are still working on setting up the auxiliary and they have questions regarding the 501 C3. She also announced that Bryant Bennett was the president of the board. They are working diligently to set up the Fireman's Auxiliary so they can raise money for the community and the firefighters.

**Correspondence** – Regarding code enforcement, the commissioners are working on a plan to help with cost.

**Fire Chief Report** – Hotchkiss Fire District responded to 2 wrecks, Gas smell, Frig Fire, Trash Fire, Gas line Break, Propane tank over fill, Power pole fire.

Doug has been trying to get a map of the new NF High school of the alarm system and the water system. If a sprinkler is set off and they can't find sprinkler, the damage could be way worse due to the water running for a long period of time.

Doug attended the Hwy 92 open house. There will be no work in 2026, or 2027. Work is scheduled for 2028 if they have the funds to continue.

**Safer Grant** – 6 – 12 of our people will earn the stipend. We are hoping to receive the funds to pay for the PPE that we have submitted to the grant, but the Government shutdown has delayed the payment.

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Dan Miller Read 2025-07 setting the Mil Levy. Diane Walker made a motion to approve the Resolution 2025-07, Kathy Welt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**New Business**

The board was given the lease for the NFEMS. Their attorney will look over it. Doug Fritz and Kathy Steckel worked together on this. We will put it on the January agenda if the NFEMS attorney has approved it.

Doug added that the Firefighters payroll would be approximately \$8000.

He also added that he has another \$20K in expenses to pay in December. He suggested that he not get paid in January until the fire department gets some money. The board will revisit that if they need to in January.

**Adjournment**

Diane Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Kathy Welt seconded the motion. motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm