

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
EAST CENTRAL FIRE/EMS GOVERNING BODY**

The monthly meeting of the East Central Fire & EMS Protection Territory Board was called to order on March 12, 2026 at 3:00 pm by President Bob Byrd.

Members Present: Steve Ottenweller, Bob Byrd, Jeff Abbot, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Absent: Chad Bauer, John Graber

Board members signed a roll call sheet and Christine Camp read the roll call.

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the February Board meeting were approved as provided.

Jeff Abbot made the motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Mark Smith seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, Bob Byrd, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Absent: Chad Bauer, John Graber

Nays: none

**Pay Claims**

The pay claims were signed by Board members. Mark Smith made the motion to approve the pay claims. Steve Ottenweller seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, Bob Byrd, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Absent: Chad Bauer, John Graber

Nays: none

**New Business**

**Lieutenant Pay Increase**

The Chief requests the approval to raise Loren Braile's Classification to Lieutenant/Paramedic with a pay increase.

Steve Ottenweller made a motion to approve the raise Loren Braile's Classification to Lieutenant/Paramedic with a pay increase. Mark Smith seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, Bob Byrd, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Absent: Chad Bauer, John Graber

Nays: none

### **2026 Part-Time Hire**

The Chief requested the Board approve hiring Matthew Stanley as a Part/time FF/Paramedic at the hourly rate of \$18.00, with a start date after March 21, 2026. Mark Bradtmueller made a motion to approve hiring Matthew Stanley as a Part/time FF/Paramedic at the hourly rate of \$18.00, with a start date after March 21, 2026. Jeff Abbot seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, Bob Byrd, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Absent: Chad Bauer, John Graber

Nays: none

### **Policy 1.44 2026 Annual Work Agreement**

The Chief is requesting the approval of the changes to Policy 1.44 Annual Work Agreement.

Steve Ottenweller made a motion to approve the changes to Policy 1.44 Annual Work Agreement. Mark Bradtmueller seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, Bob Byrd, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Absent: Chad Bauer, John Graber

Nays: none

### **Decommission Of Old Surplus Equipment to be Donated**

The Chief is requesting the approval to decommission of the following Surplus Equipment. This equipment would be donated.

1. Hurst Hydraulic Power Unit X3
  1. Spreaders, Cutters, and Rams
  2. Ram Extensions

3. Spreader Arms
2. Auto Extrication L-Bracket

Mark Smith made a motion to approve the decommissioning of the above equipment.

Steve Ottenweller seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, Bob Byrd, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Absent: Chad Bauer, John Graber

Nays: none

The Board also signed a document approving this decommissioning.

### **Territory Board Discussion on Countywide Fire District**

The Chief stressed the importance of the Township Boards signing the 2026 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Before March 27. This signature indicates the township is in support of their township becoming part of the Allen Countywide Fire District.

The Township Boards will have to hold a regular scheduled or special meeting to sign this agreement.

The signatures will need to be notarized.

The Chief volunteered to be present at the meetings to answer any questions.

### **Adjournment**

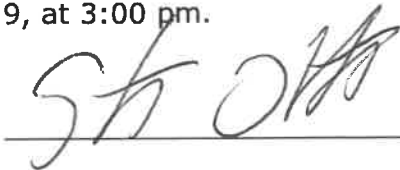
Mark Smith made the motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Jeff Abbot seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, Bob Byrd, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Absent: Chad Bauer, John Graber

Nays: none

The next regular scheduled meeting is April 9, at 3:00 pm.

  
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Steve Ottenweller

Secretary

  
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Bob Byrd

President