



Ken Baker, Chief of Department

Dedication to service and community!

North Bench Volunteer Fire District

NBVFD Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 2-10-2025

Call to order at 6:30 PM by President Jim Hill. Also in attendance were Vice President Casey West, Treasurer Edna Runyan, Directors Greg Mead, Aaron Rutherford and Don Blockhan, and Chief Ken Baker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hill

The invocation was led by Director Blockhan.

There was no public comment.

Previous minutes were not yet prepared for review. Item tabled.

Chief Baker reported the call volume was 24 so far in 2025. He is working on the ISO rating, getting data including call volumes and information from Three Mile Water and Bee Line loaded because an important part is the water districts' ability to provide water in event of fires.

At this point, the engine in Colorado looks to be the most viable; it is also 4WD which would allow access on some of our more difficult roads and driveways, and comes with 10 SCBA's and 1200 feet of hose. There may be additional equipment available at small added cost (above the \$35,000 base price). One of our firefighters will be in Colorado next week and can check it out, possibly transport it back here.

Treasurer Runyan presented the report from Stockton Services and reminded directors to sign onto P1FCU account updates which will remove former directors and also allow read-only access for Stockton. MWB accounts are up to date with current directors and Stockton has read-only access.

Director Rutherford gave an update on the annual mailing- we will need 2,200 postage stamps. These are available at Costco at discount, \$72.75/100 instead of \$73.00/100. Total cost would be \$1,600.50. President Hill is planning to go to Costco tomorrow and can get the stamps. Director Blockhan moved and Director Rutherford seconded to buy the stamps at Costco. Approved unanimously.

Regarding annual meeting preps: President Hill noted he filed the required legal notice to be published in the Bonners Ferry Herald. Vice President West is posting meeting information on Facebook. Teresa Baker will have provision for refreshments. Chief Baker mentioned inviting the Sheriff, who is also the County Fire Marshall. Director terms are confirmed for the meeting as follows:



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Vacant- 2025 to be voted at the annual meeting.

Director Blockhan- 2025 to be voted at the annual meeting.

Director Rutherford- 2026

Director Mead- 2026

Director West- 2027

Director Hill- 2027

Director Runyan- 2027

Goals were prioritized by term (1, 3, and 5 year plans) and posted on the blackboard for the annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM