

FRANKLIN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Monday, February 3, 2025

The annual meeting of the Franklin Ambulance Association was held on Monday, February 3, 2025. Directors present were: Distad, C. Minkel, and R. Kokesch. Also present was Radermacher from the city, township representatives, and Fire Dept. personnel.

At 7:30 PM C. Minkel called the meeting was called to order. Roll call showed Mumme absent and a vacant position available for a rural board member. Nosbush called for a volunteer to fill the spot, Carlton Gustafson volunteered to fill the position and was approved.

B. Radermacher motioned to approve the 2024 minutes as presented, Second by Distad, passed.

The 2024 Financial Balance statement was presented along with a breakdown of expenses of the MRU department. The saving account balance is at \$38,803.47 and there are two CDs totaling \$75,000 with a 4.25% interest rate. \$9,931.47 of funds are needed from the Ambulance Association to pay for the MRU 2024 expenses. **There was a motion to approve the 2024 financial statement as presented along with reimbursing the city for the MRU expenses , Second by C. Gustofson, Passed.**

Funds were discussed; as there is no income for the MRU department, the Ambulance Association members feel that gaining as much interest on their funds is in their best interest. C. Gustafson suggested that \$50,000 of their funds be put into a 5 year CD, \$25,000 invested in a 2-3 year CD, and the remainder would be left in the savings account to be used for MRU expenses. **A motion was made to invest \$50,000 in a 5 year CD and \$25,000 in a 2-3 year CD, Seconded, Passed.**

Minkel reported 9 current MRU members; 32 calls were responded to in 2024. Members present asked if there has been any progress on figuring out how to sustain the MRU department long term. Minkel and Radermacher reported that there has been discussion but nothing substantial. Members present asked about combining the Fire department with the MRU department but this has been a less that popular idea with the department members.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:41 PM and seconded, passed. Next regular meeting will be Monday, February 2, 2026.

Minutes by Trista Radermacher, City Clerk/Treasurer

FRANKLIN RURAL FIRE ASSOCIATION

Monday, February 3, 2025

The annual meeting of the Franklin Rural Fire Association was held on Monday, February 3, 2025, at the Franklin Community Center following the annual Ambulance Association meeting. Council present was R. Kokesch; staff present was Radermacher and fire personnel.

Camp township members called the meeting to order and Roll Call showed: Bandon-1, Birch Coulee-3, Camp-4, Eden-3, Norfolk-1, Palmyra-2, Sherman-2, Ren. Co. Parks-0, City of Franklin-1, Franklin Fire Dept.-13.

Distad requested an additional agenda item of assigning ownership of the new grass rig purchased. **A motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition, Second from the floor, passed.**

A motion to approve the 2024 minutes as presented was made and seconded, passed.

Trotter read through the Rural Fire Associations financial statement showing total cash on hand to be \$40,968.14; \$22,812.43 received is assessment income; \$3400 received in fire call income; the 2024 total income was \$22,812.43. **A motion was made to accept the treasurers report, Seconded from the floor, passed.** Radermacher read through the 2024 fire department financial report. An error was addressed and corrected to show the amount owed to city would now be \$19,232.88. Radermacher noted on the bottom of the financial report that the old grass rig was originally purchased with gambling funds and was sold for \$19,796.28 and the new grass rig was also purchased with gambling funds for \$162,746.70. **A motion was made to accept 2024 Fire Department financial report as read with the financial error correction, Seconded, Passed.** Fire Chief Menk reported 21 current members, 1 recent retiree. The old grass rig was sold and the old jaws-of-life was also sold for \$500. Menk reported a new purchase of a washer and dryer to be paid for with the funds from the sale of the old grass rig. **A motion was made to accept Menk's Fire Report as presented, Seconded on the floor, Passed.**

Discussion was held on assigning ownership of the new grass rig. Discussion included who pays for maintenance and storage. Agreement terms between the city and the townships was briefly discussed. Township members discussed revisiting and updating agreements with the city. **A motion was made and seconded, Passed.**

Unpaid bills from the previous year was discussed and reported paid in full.

Assessments per section are currently at \$250 per section and there are 74 ½ sections. This year the assessment income received is close to covering the expenses owed to the city. **A motion was made to leave the assessments at \$250 per section, seconded, Passed.**

Fire Call rates were discussed. **A motion was made to leave the rates the same, Seconded, Passed.**

Trotter asked that township representatives to make sure their contact information has not changed.

A motion was made to approve the reimbursement amount of \$19,232.88 to the city for half the expenses, Second by the floor, passed.

Some representatives asked for clarification on the annual start time of this meeting. Radermacher stated that when the Franklin Ambulance was in transition to a MRU, continued meetings held started at 7:00 PM but that the annual meetings have began at 7:30 PM for many years.

A motion was made from the floor to adjourn at 8:17 PM, Second from the floor- passed. The next regular meeting will be held February 2, 2026 at the Franklin Community Center, Camp Eden to chair.

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