

BYRON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

1) OPENING OF MEETING

President Chris Logston called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2) ROLL CALL

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sandy Beitel, Chris Higgins, Matt Kuss, Randy Snider and Chris Logston

TRUSTEES ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Chief Andrew Politsch and D/C Tony Dinges

3) GUESTS PRESENT

Chad Nelson (left the meeting at 6:12 pm), Cluck Clothier (left the meeting at 6:08 pm), John Falduto (arrived at 6:16 pm) and Michele Trzcinski Ramos, Recording Secretary

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 19, 2026 General Meeting Minutes - Trustee Beitel motioned to approve the May 19, 2026 General Meeting Minutes as submitted and studied. Second by Trustee Higgins. Roll Call: Kuss – Yes, Higgins – Yes, Beitel – Yes, Snider – Yes, and Logston - Yes. Motion passed.

May 19, 2026 Closed Session Meeting Minutes - Trustee Kuss motioned to approve the May 19, 2026 Closed Session Meeting Minutes as submitted and studied with the provision that they remain closed. Second by Trustee Beitel. Roll Call: Snider – Yes, Higgins – Yes, Kuss – Yes, Beitel – Yes, and Logston - Yes. Motion passed.

6) APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT AND BILLS

A) Trustee Beitel motioned to approve the Financial Report and Bills for May 2026 in the amount of \$343,358.82 as submitted and studied. Second by Trustee Kuss. Roll Call: Snider – Yes, Higgins – Yes, Beitel - Yes, Kuss – Yes, and Logston – Yes. Motion passed.

7) ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – Trustee Higgins motioned to approve the Agenda as printed. Second by Trustee Logston. Roll Call: Kuss – Yes, Beitel – Yes, Snider – Yes, Higgins – Yes, and Logston – Yes. Motion passed.

8) CORRESPONDENCE and ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) Quarterly Report Presentation by Sawyer & Falduto – Mr. John Falduto presented the Quarterly Report.

B) Annual Insurance Update by Chad Nelson with Coyle Kiley – Mr. Chad Nelson synopsized the process for the insurance renewal. He further discussed the potential of higher deductibles and MERP Plans for next year. He stated the B/C B/S premium went up 21%, Dental 2.9 % and Life Insurance 4%.

C) Review of Ordinances & Resolutions Passed & Approved in June of Previous Year(s) – the 2024-01 Ambulance Billing Fees (Amended) Ordinance was up for review. Chief stated there was no need to make changes. No action taken.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) Chief's Report – Chief's report was e-mailed; Trustee Snider asked for clarification on the selling process of S441. A brief discussion ensued, and questions were answered.

B) Attorney's Report – Chief spoke with our Attorney, she is working on a FOIA and the fatal fire that was in our district 3 years ago.

C) Discussion and possible action on Removal of Dying Trees at the Training Site – Chief reported the first row of trees at the Training Site have been damaged by the companies who trim for the power lines. A quote was obtained from a certified tree removal company. Tree Care submitted a quote to remove 13 trees, grind the stumps and prune the remainder for regrowth purposes at the Training Site in the amount of \$7,475.00. Trustee Higgins motioned to approve the Quote received from Tree Care and to allot no more than \$8,000 to complete the Tree/Stump Removal and Pruning of Trees. Second by Trustee Snider. Roll Call: Kuss - Yes, Higgins – Yes, Beitel – Yes, Snider – Yes and Logston – Yes. Motion passed.

D) Discussion and possible action on Purchasing New Fire Hose – Chief reported the fire hose is tested every year, and some are starting to fail. He would like to replace the hand

lines that fight the fires and put the older good hose in the rack, and the new hose on the vehicles. He obtained a quote through Sourcewell, which is a competitive bidding website in the amount of \$26,000 and received a quote from Darley in the amount of \$22,142.50. Chief requested approval to purchase 34 1 ¾" x 50' and 34 2" x 50' of hose. Trustee Beitel motioned to the purchase 68 lengths of hose, from Darley, not to exceed \$25,000.00. Second by Trustee Higgins. Roll Call: Snider – Yes, Kuss – Yes, Higgins – Yes, Beitel – Yes and Logston – Yes. Motion passed.

11) EXECUTIVE SESSION – No motions made to enter closed session.

12) BUSINESS to DISCUSS after CLOSED SESSION

A) Discussion and possible action on Release of Closed Session Meeting Minutes – In accordance with the Open Meeting Act, the Closed Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed prior to the meeting. Trustee Beitel motioned to release the September 23, 2025, January 27, 2026, and February 24, 2026 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Second by Trustee Snider. Roll Call: Beitel – Yes, Higgins – Yes, Snider – Yes, Kuss – Yes, and Logston – Yes. Motion passed.

13) ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Higgins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Trustee Snider. Roll Call: Kuss – Yes, Snider – Yes, Higgins – Yes, Beitel – Yes, and Logston – Yes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mathew Kuss', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mathew Kuss
Secretary