

Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 10, 2025

The regular meeting of the Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on July 10, 2025, at Fire Station #20, located at 500 Waukegan Road, Deerfield, Illinois.

Call to Order

Trustee Bettiker called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Trustee Phil Bettiker, President; Trustee Jeff Hansen, Treasurer; Trustee Sheila Elston, Secretary; Fire Chief Ray Larson; Administrative Services Manager Coleen Wattleworth; Attorney Joe Miller.

Others Present

Members of the department: Tyler Amidei, Tom Duax, Alec Hartsell, Chris Johnson, Mark McManaman, Bill Pauly, Joe Porter.

Members of the public: John Falduto, Managing Partner of Sawyer Falduto Asset Management, LLC

Public Hearing on Budget & Appropriations Ordinance No. 2025-O-02

A motion to open public hearing, in which notice was published 30 days before this public hearing and that a tentative form of budget and appropriations ordinance is available for inspection, at 7:01 p.m. was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Voice vote: the motion passed unanimously.

Public comment – None

A motion to close public hearing at 7:02 p.m. was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Voice vote: the motion passed unanimously.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2025, special meeting was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve and release the minutes of the June 5, 2025, closed meeting was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2025, special meeting was made by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Trustee Elston. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve and release the minutes of the June 26, 2025, closed meeting was made by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Trustee Elston. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A motion to approve the treasurer's report for the month ending June 30, 2025, was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

John Falduto, Managing Partner of Sawyer Falduto Asset Management, LLC, presented the District's investment performance report & will follow up with documentation to add Chief Larson as an Authorized Agent on the District Schwab Account.

Accounts Payable Report

A motion to approve the bills & disbursements paid for the month ending June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$265,559.29 was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Miller provided an update on pending litigation against the District in closed session.

Chief's Report

Chief Larson provided a monthly update on the operations of the District.

Old Business

A motion to pass Ordinance No: 2025-O-02 Budget & Appropriation for the fiscal year 2025-2026 was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

The board formally acknowledges the reappointment of Trustee Hansen by the Lake County Board for a term of May 2025 – May 2028.

A motion to maintain current board positions; Trustee Bettiker as President, Trustee Elston as Secretary, and Trustee Hansen as Treasurer was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Voice vote: the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to reappoint Trustee Bettiker and Trustee Hansen to the Pension Board was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Voice vote: the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to reappoint Jerrold Hoppe to the board of fire commissioners was made by Trustee Bettiker, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Deputy Chief discussion in closed session.

Public Comment – None

Closed Session

A motion to go into closed session at 7:26 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body was made by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Trustee Elston. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

Action Taken After Closed Session – None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. was made by Trustee Elston, seconded by Trustee Hansen. Roll call vote: the motion passed unanimously.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on August 14, 2025.



Phil Bettiker
President, Board of Trustees
Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District

ATTEST:



Sheila Elston
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District