

RED LODGE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT 7
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Jan 13, 2026

Meeting called to order by Trustee Harris Gabrian at 7:01 pm

Trustees Present: Tom Kastelitz , Dan Coolidge, Billy Oley (all via Zoom), Beth Graham and Harris Gabrian in the building.

RLFR personnel present: Tom Kuntz, Torsten Prah, Kim Bednarz,

Public Present: There were no members of the public present.

The minutes from the September 23, 2025 meeting were read. Dan Coolidge made a motion to accept the previous minutes as presented. Oley seconded the motion. All in favor, Motion approved.

Trustees Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Board Financial Report

Kuntz reviewed the Financial report for FY 25-26 through December 31. He notes that we haven't received our ambulance tax money or our city agreement funds yet. He notes that both the apparatus and the line of credit will both be paid off this year. All in all the department is doing financially well. Kuntz requests a motion to approve the treasurer's report including bill payment list as presented in the packet for \$729,949.69, Coolidge moves, Graham seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Line of Credit: Kuntz asks the board for a motion from the board to approve renewing the annual line of credit at \$300,000 . It will be paid off this spring Gabrian Move, Coolidge seconds, all in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

City Fire Agreement/ Capital Resort Expenditures: There has been no movement on this issue. The city is still considering what they want to do. Tom is continuing to work with the Mayor

Capital Improvement Plan: New A71- has been ordered. We are not expecting to see it until summer or fall in 2027.

New Business:

Replace Rescue 71:

Federal Community Funding: Tom brings up that through the help of Kat Healy with the community foundation, the grant for community funding they applied for last spring was approved. It is a total of 1.95 million dollars, but we have to match it with \$800,000. The purpose is to upgrade the station, and provide more meeting and training space.

Broadway Neighboring Lot: The owners of the lot next door that we have been wanting to purchase are not interested in selling us their lot. However, just today they informed Tom that they would be agreeable to trading the south piece of the lot for a piece in the back. This is a verbal agreement. Tom asks for a motion to move forward with negotiations to have the lot reconfigured, he will come back for final approval. Gabrian moves to move forward with the proposal, Coolidge seconded, all in favor, motion passes.

Request for motion for Architectural Services: Tom requests a motion for him to send out requests for architectural services. He desires another meeting to choose, but needs approval to send out RFQ's. Graham moves to approve Tom to send RFQ's, Oley seconds, All in favor, Motion passes.

Financing and Funding: Tom asks the board for a motion to commit up to \$150,000 in yearly capital mill as collateral for a ten year loan to not exceed \$800,000 as a commitment to match the community funding grant. Coolidge moves to commit the capital outlay to a loan over a ten year time period. Gabrian seconds, all in favor, motion carries.

Announcements:

Gabrain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Coolidge seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 24th.

Signed,

Kim Bednarz, RLFR Office Manager