

Chippewa Fire District Fire Commission Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 6:30 pm at Town of Howard Station 6

1. **Meeting called to order by Mr. Bennesch** according to Chapter 19.84 of the Wisconsin State Statutes at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** The following members answered present: Ms. Sue Cance, Mr. Jeff Bennesch, and Mr. Daniel Dienger. Mr. Rod Koplitz was not present.
3. **Approve Minutes:** Ms. Cance made a motion to approve January 27, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Dienger. Motion carried on voice vote.
4. **Public Comments:** Mr. Peter Arriola and Mr. Cory Scheidler both addressed the article that was written in the Chippewa Herald and expressed their concerns and pointed out a few statements that they believe were not true. They also stated their concerns on how this will affect the Chippewa Fire District and working with the community and other areas.
5. **Personnel Appointments, Promotions, and Departures:**
 - A. Discuss/Act on Appointment of Sophia Boudreau to POC EMT for completion of probation effective 3/1/2026. Mr. Dienger made a motion to approve the Appointment of Sophia Boudreau to POC EMT for completion of probation, seconded by Ms. Cance. Motion carried on voice vote.
6. **Ribbon Pinning for Years of Service:**
 - A. None.
7. **Departures:**
 - A. Act on the resignation of Rachel Kuznar, effective 3/30/2026. Ms. Cance made a motion to approve the resignation of Rachel Kuznar, seconded by Mr. Dienger. Motion carried on voice vote.
 - B. Act on the resignation of Evelyn Richards, effective 3/30/2026. Mr. Dienger made a motion to approve the resignation of Evelyn Richards, seconded by Ms. Cance. Motion carried on voice vote.
8. **Old Business:** None.
9. **New Business:**
 - A. Discuss/Act on Updating Current Job Descriptions. Mr. Bernette will need to bring this before the Officers for review and then bring it back to the next Fire Commission meeting in July.
 - B. Discuss/Act on Options for Legal Counsel. Mr. Bennesch stated that after the discussion of merging with another entity, he felt it was in the best interest for the Fire Commission Board to look into a different Legal Counsel. Board members agreed and said they needed someone that would represent them as an independent. Mr. Bennesch will do some research and bring it back to the next Fire Commission meeting in July.
10. **Chief's Report:** Mr. Bernette presented his report.
11. **Next Meeting Date and Location:** July 28, 2026, 6:30 pm at Town of Lafayette Station 3.
12. **Adjourn:** Ms. Cance made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dienger. Motion carried on voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Draft minutes to be approved at the July 28, 2026, meeting.

Minutes Submitted by:

Cathy Zeinert, Recording Clerk