



Lake Country Fire & Rescue – **Fire Board**  
Budget Workshop  
Chenequa – Delafield – Nashotah  
Fire Station #1  
115 Main Street, Delafield  
Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 6 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Meeting call to order  
Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Stotts with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll call  
Present at the meeting was Stotts, Krickhahn, MacDougall, Urbanchek, Bellin, Wilkey, Chief Edwards and Secretary/Treasurer Rosch. Also present was Mayor DeYoe from the City of Delafield and Alderman Tim Aicher.
3. Public Comments  
There were no public comments
4. Communication  
There was no communication to be shared.
5. Discussion and possible action on 2015 LCFR Annual Operations and Capital Budgets  
A preliminary draft of the 2015 budget was presented by Chief Edwards. Proposed expense were increased by \$67,057 overall. With needed adjustments to the revenue budget, based on historical data, the proposed cost to the municipalities will be an increase of \$228,157. Chief Edwards, as well as several Board members, acknowledged that the deep cuts over the last two budgets in an attempt to compensate for the wage law changes and the decrease in ambulance revenues, is being addressed. Edwards proposed approaching the budget from a proactive view, trying to build our reserve fund to allow us to respond shortfalls under the direction of the board without going back to the municipalities. He cautioned the Board about relying on revenues that have not been as strong as previous years, again citing the economy, change of demographics, and the addition of Paramedic services in our neighboring communities. Board members requested that Edwards return next week with detail about actual collection vs. budgeted numbers. Stotts stated he was very pleased with the revenue side of the budget as he agreed it was based on actual LCFR experience history. Staffing of Station #2, purchase of a ventilator, thermal imaging cameras, tool for use in motor vehicle accidents (commonly referred to as the “Jaws of life”) and the filling of a newly vacated full-time position was also discussed. Edwards presented a list that outlined what residents receive for their tax money. Several Board Members feel it is important to remind the communities what is available from their Fire Department staff. The proposal of building some reserves, including the possibility of a Capital fund for future purchases, resulted in the request for more information from the Chief at the next budget meeting.
6. Confirmation of upcoming meetings:  
The meeting schedule listed below was not changed  
**Tentative budget workshop dates:** Thursday, August 14, 21 (to be followed by Board Meeting) and August 28, 2014 if needed. Meetings will be held at Station #1 at 6pm  
**Annual Joint Meeting** to be held September 18th, 2014 at 6pm. **September** Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2013 to follow Annual Joint Meeting at Station #1.
7. Adjournment  
Motion to adjourn was made by Bellin and second by Krickhahn at 7:33pm. All ayes, motion was carried.