Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners North River Fire District

June 18, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
The Regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bell at 5:01 p.m. The following commissioners were present: Harry L. Blenker, Robert M. Bell, Paul J. Pitcher, Scott R. Smith, Logan T Wells, and. The following commissioners were absent: Jim D. Alderman and Amy C. Willis.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chairperson Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance

QUORUM
Chairperson Bell confirmed a physically present quorum for the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA
Chairperson Bell asked whether there was any discussion of the May minutes, the May financial reports, or items to be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Pitcher moved to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Wells. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public in attendance wished to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Station three (3) Updated – David, Maddison and Brando from NDC were present. Station 3 has been gutted to a shell and waiting on final permit to continue to the next phase.

2. Station Six (6) Updated Schedule and Guaranteed Max Price (GMP) – NDC presented a Station 6 review with a preconstruction and construction schedule, reviewing the GMP for Board approval. $4,688490.00 is the GMP for the building of 9,768 sq ft for a $479.98 price per sq ft. the amount includes an overall increase of $106,00 which equals a 2.3% increase from the original bid. $70,000 of the increase is for an emergency road signal. A Boad discussion took place. Commissioner Pitcher moved to approve the GMP of $4,688,494.00 for the station 6 build, seconded by Commissioner Blenker. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT –

Operations	1. Incident response by station and incident type – total calls run in May 2026 were 698
	2. Community Presentations/Outreach = 13
Training/Safety	3. Monthly topics: Size up & tactics, apparatus operations, dive team classroom, construction site rescue drill, fire boat, ACLS

	refresher, rope refresher, collapse operations, fire attack hose stretches.
	4. Monthly Training hours completed 2,144 5. 2 new charge paramedics bringing our total count to 31 cleared medics.
	6. Workplace injuries: 0
Fire Prevention	7. Fire Inspections: 280
Maintenance/Logistics	8. Apparatus repairs: 15
Administration	9. Property tax reform impact to the district – Governor's proposal was approved and will be on Nov. 2026 ballot. If passed this will be a reduction in tax dollars to the district. It should affect the 27/28 Fiscal year budget. The amount will increase over time from 50,000 exemption up to 250,000 homestead exemption. Cap increase of value down to 5% from 10%. The only group carved out of this bill was the school board. As of today, our taxable value is $10,451,000,000. Year 1 reduction in income will be $890,000- year 2 reduction will be 1.5 million if the millage rate stays at 0000.50 mil. 10. Safer Grant application for 12 firefighters has been submitted, if approved the match will be year 1,2,3 – 25%/25%/65% with no increase, the same flat amount every year per person. 11. IAFC – Would like to interview us and do a spotlight for the annual conference. 12. County Task Force 11 has been recognized by the state under EMS. This would open 2.5 million over the next 5 years for specialized equipment for the task force.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS –
All Commissioners thanked NDC for staying within Budget for the station projects.

NEXT MEETING DATE:
The next meeting is scheduled: July 16th, 2026, 10 am

ADJOURNMENT
ACTION: Commissioner Pitcher moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Robert M. Bell, Chair
CHAIRMAN, ROBERT M. BELL

Scott R. Smith
SECRETARY/TREASURER, SCOTT R. SMITH