NIKISKI FIRE SERVICE AREA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 8, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Co-Chairman Paul Walukewicz.

II. ROLL CALL:

Dan Gregory, Excused
Amber Oliva-Douglas, Present
Jasper Covey, Present
Paul Walukewicz, Present
Tony Jackson, Excused
Kacey Walukewicz, Present
Alan Bute. Excused

Fire Chief, John Harris, Present
Deputy Chief Bryan Ledahl, Excused
Rhonda White, Recording Secretary, Present
Gail White, Mechanic, Excused
Peter Ribbens, KPB Assemblyman, Excused

III. AGENDA APPROVAL:

A. Co-Chairman Paul Walukewicz asked for a motion to approve the October 8, 2025 NFSA Board Agenda.

MOTION BY AMBER OLIVA-DOUGLAS TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER 8, 2025 NFSA BOARD AGENDA. MOTION SECONDED BY KACEY WALUKEWICZ. NO OBJECTIONS BY THE NFSA BOARD, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION BY AMBER OLIVA-DOUGLAS TO ACCEPT THE NIKISKI FIRE SERVICE AREA BOARD OF DIRECTORS JULY 9, 2025 MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY JASPER COVEY.

NO OBJECTIONS BY THE NFSA BOARD, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. CHIEF'S REPORT:

- 792 total calls for 2025.
- 3500 total hours of training for 2025.
- Over the past few months, we have experienced a few personnel changes.
 JHenry Kane and Angie Smith have both resigned from their positions.
 Additionally, Sam Tauriainen has stepped down from his Training Officer role.
 Once that vacancy is filled, we will be moving forward with hiring an additional firefighter. We are pleased to announce that Truit McCaughey has been hired as an entry-level firefighter.
- Tyonek NFD has been making a big effort in recruiting volunteers. Gail has been over there making some repairs. There was a health fair that was scheduled in Tyonek, but due to bad weather, it was cancelled.
- Chief Harris, Deputy Chief Ledahl and Gail White sat in a zoom meeting with Brock with Pierce to talk about the completion date for the new Tanker #3. There are some cost-saving changes that were talked about to simplify the Tanker.
- The Capital Project pick-up trucks are scheduled to be delivered next month.
- Skid Unit has been delivered and is sitting in Gail's shop.
- Pub-Ed went well at Nikiski North Star Elementary School. Pictures will be posted soon.
- Fire Conference in Sitka Jesse Ross, Dan Hay, Aaron Brincefield and Volunteer Angie Smith attended.
- Chief Harris is wanting to strengthen our water rescue capabilities on the Cook Inlet. Contingency plans are currently under development, with ongoing discussions surrounding water access challenges. Kole McCaughey has been tasked to explore the use of their site as a boat launch staging area. Additionally, the Chief is drafting a mutual-aid agreement with CISPRI for boat response support during platform/water emergencies. The department is also exploring the addition of a pre-slung hurricane pod, staged at Rig-Tenders, to improve rapid deployment for water rescue operations.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
- VII. PRESENTATIONS:
- VIII. OLD (UNFINISHED) BUSINESS:

- IX. NEW BUSINESS:
- X. BOARD QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
- XI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY AMBER OLIVA-DOUGLAS.
SECONDED BY KACEY WALUKEWICZ.
NO OBJECTIONS FROM THE NFSA BOARD

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary

Rhonda White

NFSA Co-Chairman

Paul-Walukewicz

Date: 11-12-25

*Citation: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 12th Edition. Procedures in Small Boards. Public Affairs.