



# IOWA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Iowa Firefighters Association

Board of Directors ' Meeting

Sunday, November 12, 2023

9:00am – Pleasant Hill Fire Department – Pleasant Hill, IA

Call to order:

Guests:

- Fire Marshal
- FSTB
- Other guests

Approval of Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes: June 10, 2023 Tiffin, IA

Executive Director's Report

Approval of the Financial Report

Committee Reports:

- NVFC
- Legislation

Officer Reports:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Aaron Clemons
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Kent Brix
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President- Mike Kime
- 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President- Rick Schmidt
- 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President- Lonnie Newhall
- Past President- Chuck Raska
- President- Roger Carr

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- FF day on the hill/ FF Chili Cook-off January 24th

Good of the Association:

Adjournment:



## Iowa Firefighters Association

June Board Meeting  
June 10, 2023 – Tiffin Fire Department

President Chuck Raska called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

Board Present: Jason Barrick, Chuck Raska, Roger Carr, Kent Brix, Mike Kime, and Rick Schmidt.

Guests: Executive Director Taylor Moore, Kirk Rice, Don Scott, Dan Wood, John and Cindy Pederson, Tiffin Fire Members.

### **Guests:**

Fire Marshal: Dan Wood reminded everyone that the governor reworked the Fire Marshal's office eliminating a couple departments. They are running around the same number of fire deaths as last year. They have a couple new agents starting and a few retirements happening this year.

FSTB: Jess Dunn was not able to attend but Dan mentioned that they are in the hiring process for a new fire service technician. He also discussed the additions to the training facility. Dan also mentioned that they are staying very busy with putting on classes and fire schools. Fire School is scheduled for January 27-28, 2024.

**Approval of Minutes:** The board reviewed the minutes from the meeting in Radcliffe, IA. **A motion was made by Rick Schmidt and seconded by Jason Barrick to approve the meeting minutes. All approved.**

### **Executive Director Report:**

Taylor reported that since the last meeting she worked on finalizing the NVFC travel plans and setting up meetings with our legislators out in DC. Taylor also worked with Gene Evans on contacting the Poster Program award winners and collecting those RSVPs. The grave markers were finally finished and picked up by Roger Carr. We will be selling the grave markers for \$45 apiece. Taylor also mentioned that she has applied for a DUNS number for the IFA so we can hopefully apply for a SAFER grant this fall. Next Taylor mentioned that she needs to work on getting convention information over to Iowa Falls for the convention booklet.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Taylor gave a brief financial report. **A motion was made by Roger Carr and seconded by Kent Brix to approval the financial report. All approved.**

### **Officer Reports:**

Roger Carr: Roger thanked Tiffin Fire Department for hosting the meeting this morning. Since the last meeting Roger has had the honor of presenting 9 length of service awards. He also had to attend a couple funerals. Roger touched on the DC Trip that he took with Marv and Chuck and he feels their presentation was well received.

Aaron Clemons: Aaron was not present, he had a golf tournament to attend for his department.

Kent Brix: Kent thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He reported that he was able to get his 2026 Mid Year contract signed, which will be March 19-22, 2026.

Mike Kime: Mike reported that the PAC Golf Tournament went very well and they are considering moving it to the end of June next year. He also presented several length of service awards as well as a couple firefighter funerals. Mike ended by speaking about the importance of our mental health and the need to keep a look out for each other.

Rick Schmidt: Rick thanked Tiffin for hosting the meeting this morning. He touched on attending the Poster Awards Luncheon that was held in Jewell, he wanted to commend them on the great job. He mentioned the program is a great way to promote fire prevention.

Jason Barrick: Jason spoke about all the work Cindy and himself have been doing regarding the new tire bill. Jason is going to work on putting together a Q&A for the tire bill. Jason went on to explain how the tire program will work for firefighters to receive government discounted tires.

Convention Report – Jason mentioned that Iowa Falls was trying to think of some new things to get people involved in drills. He mentioned that they are trying to put together a challenge coin for the drill participants. He also mentioned that they will be meeting in Iowa Falls in the next month or so to review the new drills locations.

Chuck Raska: Chuck thanked Tiffin for welcoming the board this morning. He mentioned that it is always great to visit new fire departments and tour their stations to see their set ups and the way they do things. He has also attend a couple awards banquets since the last meeting. Chuck gave a brief recap of their Washington DC trip. He is excited to head back to Iowa City for year number two for the 2024 IFA Convention. He also mentioned that we are still looking for a town to host in 2025.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Legislature:

The 2023 legislative session came to a close on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> around the noon hour.

While it was a difficult session we did manage to get one bill through the process. Much of the focus this session was used on passing the Governors priorities of school vouchers, book bans and LGBTQ issues and the legislator's priorities of tax reform. The House and Senate left 17 pages each of policy bills on the table and since this is the first of a biannual legislative year you will most likely see those bills back next session.

While LOSAP failed to get through the full Appropriations committee, the last stop before debate on the floor it made it farther than ever before. The Senate approps committee did not like using lottery funds to support LOSAP. They instead choose to use 10% of the funds from the Automatic Traffic Enforcement (ATE) fines. There was a desire to change up the way these fines are collected so a bill was drafted and LOSAP was designated to receive a portion of the fines collected. This would have garnered more than the million dollars we were offered by the lottery funds. However, when Sen. Klemish proposed this bill to his Ways and Means committee there was too much controversy over the ATE language itself that the Republican caucus could not agree to run the bill.

This last minute act to pull the bill from the Senate Approps committee agenda was disappointing. Back to the drawing board on finding the correct funds for LOSAP.

The following bills were discussed:

- **HSB 19/ HF 193/HF 340**
- **SENATE SF 272/ SF 447**
- **HF 418/HF603 VOLUNTEER TIRE PURCHASES** (Transportation)
- **HF 531 VOLUNTEER TAX CREDITS** (Jacoby) (Ways & Means)
- **SF 505**
- **HF 687**
- **SSB 1124/SF 356 Property Tax Levy Limits (Ways and Means)**
- **SSB 1125/SF 550 TAX BILL**
- **SSB 1001/SF 183 Maximum age**
- **SF 41/SF 352 Funding of EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**
- **HF 126/HF 546 Funding of EMA**
- **SF 263 EMS SALARIES** (Salmon) (Ways & Means)
- **SF 113 /SF 555 PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY PROVIDER**

As always, if you have questions, please contact us at: [pedersonconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:pedersonconsulting@gmail.com) or call us at 515-229-4748.

If you have ideas for items you would like to see us work on for next year please contact a board member or let us know. Have a great summer!

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO ADVOCATE FOR YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT AND BENEFITS FOR YOU AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS THIS SUMMER AND ASK THEM FOR SUPPORT AT THE CAPITOL!

Memorial: Mike Reuman sent a report to Chuck. He mentioned that he will need help setting up for the candle light vigil and memorial service this weekend. He wanted to thank everyone in advance for their help.

NVFC: They had a great trip out to the Spring meeting out in Washington DC. They were not able to sit in on all of the meetings due to the schedule. But they were able to meet with all of our legislators and had great discussions.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Merchandise: Jason Barrick wanted to know if we can start giving away the tie clasps and pins to promote the association. The board is going to work out some details on what items should be free and what items should be handed out to new members.

Convention Challenge Coins: The board is on board to help pay for the challenge coins. Iowa Falls is going to get some pricing together so the board can make a decision.

**Good of the Association:**

Chuck mentioned that Bill Erb and Ellen Hagen both applied for the EMS Council and Ellen was approved.

Rick wanted to know if we could notify the membership when a past president passes away.

**Adjournment: A motion was made by Rick Schmidt and seconded by Mike Kime to adjourn at 10:30 am. All approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Moore  
Executive Director

## Iowa Firefighters Association

## Balance Sheet

11/07/23

As of October 31, 2023

Accrual Basis

	Oct 31, 23
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
_IFA General Checking 4371	30,640.46
_IFA Mutual Aid Checking 4374	6,211.14
Affiliated Member Savings 7336	341.76
CD Savings 9820	47,651.78
Convention Equipt Savings 7333	3,251.99
Credit Card Earn Savings 7141	7,615.37
General Savings 7351	520.08
Hall of Flame 7348	12,700.78
IA Vol Firefighter PAC 7363	6,642.04
IFA Scholarship 7357	6,430.27
Kim Stratton Memorial 7354	5,539.46
Mutual Aid Savings 7381	12,566.22
Office Improvement 7345	982.87
Recruit, Retention, Defen 7342	2,153.06
<b>Investment Accounts</b>	
Edward Jones CD	199,345.58
<b>Total Investment Accounts</b>	199,345.58
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	342,592.86
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	342,592.86
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	0.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>342,592.86</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
A/P - Due to Mutual Aid	2,850.00
A/P - Overpayments	160.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	3,010.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	3,010.00
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	
Capital Improvement- Convention	5,000.00
Replacement Fund	10,000.00
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	15,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	18,010.00
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	293,165.83
Retained Earnings	72,444.41
Net Income	-41,027.38
<b>Total Equity</b>	324,582.86
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>342,592.86</b>

**Iowa Firefighters Association**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
 July through October 2023

	Jul - Oct 23	Budget
<b>Income</b>		
<b>300. Membership Dues</b>		
Affiliated Businesses Dues	0.00	200.00
Individual Membership Dues	50,175.00	235,000.00
Mutual Aid Calls	3,219.00	18,000.00
<b>Total 300. Membership Dues</b>	53,394.00	253,200.00
<b>305. Mid Year Meeting</b>		
Past President Banquet Tickets	0.00	3,000.00
PP Banquet Raffle/Auction	0.00	10,000.00
<b>Total 305. Mid Year Meeting</b>	0.00	13,000.00
<b>310. Merchandise Sales</b>	1,149.00	2,000.00
<b>331. Interest on C.D.</b>	112.42	0.00
<b>332. Interest</b>	6.09	500.00
<b>335. Convention City</b>		
335.1 Past Conv. City income	0.00	14,000.00
<b>Total 335. Convention City</b>	0.00	14,000.00
<b>340. Miscellaneous</b>	10.00	0.00
<b>360. Donations</b>		
General	-327.00	0.00
<b>Total 360. Donations</b>	-327.00	0.00
<b>375. Scholarship Donations</b>	400.00	0.00
<b>380. Credit Card Income</b>	772.82	2,000.00
<b>390. California Casualty</b>	3,000.00	4,000.00
<b>PAC Golf Tournament</b>		
Hole Sponsorship	0.00	2,500.00
Registration Fee	0.00	3,000.00
<b>Total PAC Golf Tournament</b>	0.00	5,500.00
<b>States Networking</b>		
Registration & Dinner	0.00	800.00
<b>Total States Networking</b>	0.00	800.00
<b>Total Income</b>	58,517.33	295,000.00
<b>Gross Profit</b>	58,517.33	295,000.00
<b>Expense</b>		
Investment Gains/Loss	654.42	
<b>400. AAM Management Fee</b>		
Management Fee	25,000.00	60,000.00
Office Supplies	981.93	2,000.00
Postage	1,017.11	5,000.00
Printing	602.10	5,000.00
Website	272.00	100.00
<b>Total 400. AAM Management Fee</b>	27,873.14	72,100.00
<b>402. GrowthZone Fees</b>		
GZ Credit Card Fees	512.98	2,500.00
GZ Monthly Fees	1,734.68	5,204.04
<b>Total 402. GrowthZone Fees</b>	2,247.66	7,704.04
<b>406. IFA Trailer</b>		
Equipment Repair	0.00	500.00
License - Trailer	0.00	200.00
<b>Total 406. IFA Trailer</b>	0.00	700.00

**Iowa Firefighters Association**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
 July through October 2023

	Jul - Oct 23	Budget
<b>417. Officer Expenses</b>		
Board Member Uniform	938.48	500.00
Lodging	1,011.00	7,500.00
Meals	602.13	1,000.00
Mileage	3,926.03	11,000.00
Misc	536.02	500.00
Officer Communications	495.00	3,780.00
<b>Total 417. Officer Expenses</b>	<b>7,508.66</b>	<b>24,280.00</b>
<b>420. N.V.F.C.</b>		
Dues	0.00	500.00
Meeting Expenses	3,988.57	7,000.00
<b>Total 420. N.V.F.C.</b>	<b>3,988.57</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>
<b>430. Convention Business</b>		
Custodian		
Custodian Assistant	0.00	100.00
Custodian Salary	400.00	400.00
Trvl Expense + PreConv. Travel	1,221.35	1,000.00
<b>Total Custodian</b>	<b>1,621.35</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>
Host City Reimbursement	0.00	4,000.00
New Electrical Boxes	-5.00	0.00
<b>Total 430. Convention Business</b>	<b>1,616.35</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>
<b>435. Convention Training Drills</b>		
Advertising (Caps)	0.00	500.00
Contest Officials	1,600.00	1,100.00
Drill Equipment	0.00	1,000.00
Misc. Expense	57.50	1,000.00
Trophies	963.00	1,000.00
<b>Total 435. Convention Training Drills</b>	<b>2,620.50</b>	<b>4,600.00</b>
<b>440. Mid Year Meeting</b>		
Auction Items	0.00	1,000.00
Lodging for Board & ED	0.00	4,000.00
Past Presidents Banquet	0.00	9,000.00
Venue Rental Fee	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total 440. Mid Year Meeting</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
<b>450. Education - Public</b>		
Fire Safety Trailers	0.00	500.00
Poster Contest	0.00	2,000.00
State Fair Hall of Flame		
Misc	2,228.77	
Booth Rental	0.00	500.00
Coordinator Salaries	2,120.00	3,000.00
Parking	75.00	200.00
Tickets	2,970.00	2,500.00
Trailer Storage	780.00	1,000.00
Uniform/Shirts	3,499.00	3,500.00
Water	825.00	750.00
<b>Total State Fair Hall of Flame</b>	<b>12,497.77</b>	<b>11,450.00</b>
<b>Total 450. Education - Public</b>	<b>12,497.77</b>	<b>13,950.00</b>
<b>455. Education - Fire Service</b>		
Fire Schools	0.00	500.00
National Benefit Summit	0.00	1,000.00
States Networking	0.00	2,500.00
<b>Total 455. Education - Fire Service</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>



**Iowa Firefighters Association**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
 July through October 2023

	Jul - Oct 23	Budget
<b>460. Newsletter</b>		
Contract	25,537.64	76,625.00
<b>Total 460. Newsletter</b>	25,537.64	76,625.00
<b>465. Legislation</b>		
Govt.Relations Consultant	6,500.00	26,000.00
<b>Total 465. Legislation</b>	6,500.00	26,000.00
<b>466. Legal Fees</b>		
Accounting services	333.00	1,500.00
<b>Total 466. Legal Fees</b>	333.00	1,500.00
<b>475. Merchandise Purchase</b>	0.00	2,000.00
<b>485. Insurance</b>	4,467.00	4,400.00
<b>495. Mutual Aid Death Payment</b>	3,000.00	18,000.00
<b>497. Special Projects</b>		
IFA PAC	600.00	1,500.00
IFA PAC Fundraiser	0.00	2,500.00
IFA Scholarships (2)	500.00	1,000.00
U.S. Caucus	0.00	4,500.00
<b>Total 497. Special Projects</b>	1,100.00	9,500.00
<b>498. Federal Income Tax</b>		
Penalties & Interest	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total 498. Federal Income Tax</b>	0.00	1,000.00
<b>499. State Income Tax</b>	0.00	400.00
transfer to memorial account	-400.00	
<b>Total Expense</b>	99,544.71	294,759.04
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-41,027.38</b>	<b>240.96</b>