

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PECAN GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT HELD A REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON

Thursday, January 8 at 7:00 P.M.

PGVFD, 727 Pitts Rd., Richmond, Texas 77406

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Curtis Brown, Zach Johnson, John Grillo, Larry Danna, Del Davis, Matt Cornell

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Kathy Golden

ALSO PRESENT: Cassie Lee, Chief Hoft, Chief Serrano, Cassie Lee.

CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM:

The meeting was called to order at 07:00 pm. The Agenda was adopted as presented.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on December 11, 2025 were presented for approval. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Larry, and seconded by Del.

Motion carried.

Appointment of Officers:

President: John Grillo

Motion by Larry, 2nd by Curtis, unopposed.

Vice President: Curtis Brown

Motion by Larry, 2nd by Matt, unopposed

Secretary: Kathy Golden

Motion by Curtis, 2nd by Del, Unopposed

Treasure: Larry Dana

Motion by Grillo, 2nd by Del, unopposed

FINANCIAL REPORT

New First Checking	\$14,826.13
New First CR Comm. Checking	\$24,850.71
New First Money Market	\$140,984.44
New First ICS	\$1,068,480.98
New First CDRS	\$278,099.22
TOTAL OF ACCOUNTS	\$1,527,221.48

Reserve Required by Board \$200,000.00

CASH AVAILABLE \$1,327,221.48

Financial report: 134E check for November not received in December, it was received on January 6th.

CR Budget- Lower than last month because workout equipment and door prop were purchased. Door prop expected to be finished on February 13th with delivery the following week.

Workout equipment to be delivered and installed in the next couple of weeks. Door

No unexpected expenses this month.

Motion to accept Financial report by Curtis, 2nd by Larry, Unopposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bid from Metro on truck -

Off the line truck \$480k - \$490k : 3-6 months

Custom bid - \$525k : 9 - 12 months

Vontz advocated for custom as it allows for more options with deck gun and the look will match the current fleet. Vontz presented a side-by-side comparison of off-the-line truck specs and Custom truck specs.

Motion to pursue custom rig option at \$525k by Curtis, 2nd by Del, Unopposed.

2026 Budget amendment Committee Reports (tabled from December meeting)

Chief Vontz presented an amended 2026 budget. The amendment was driven by an increased number of taps compared to the previously approved budget.

Highlights from the amended budget presented.

- Included Assistant Chief - Compliance and Training focused. EST 24 hours per work.
- Worker Comp - decrease
- 401k - Increase
- Uniforms - Increase
- Westcom is higher due to potential of moving dispatch services earlier than budgeted.
- Increase in future truck fleet savings.

Not reflected in the budget - Possible \$75k from Fort Bend County. This money is not guaranteed.

Current ISO is a 2

Reserve: Grillo would like to see a \$100k increase in required reserves in the 2027 budget.

Motion to accept amended budget by Larry, 2nd by Curtis, Unopposed

Committee Reports:

Stations

Station 1 status closet removal to accommodate ladder and storage expansion.

Pending final bid

Station 2 status shower remodel and additional shower
Status High water storage
Pending final bid

Apparatus

E62 - Pump seal leak

L61 - Makeready walk January 20. After that, 6-8 weeks for delivery.

Vontz is still working to decide which truck to get rid of first when the ladder arrives. A couple months to make the decision.

NEW BUSINESS:

2026 Plan

Vontz presented PowerPoint to share vision and direction for PGVFD.

A. Completing Infrastructure

a) Capital Projects

B. Personnel highlights from 2025

a) 5 Volunteer to Career

b) 16 people signed up for Volunteer

C. Focus on people moving forward. Maintain infrastructure

TFS Equipment grant

Awarded \$25k at 95% of equipment

Vontz is considering possible hoses or hand tools.

Motion to accept grant by Matt, 2nd by Larry, Unopposed

Westcom Dispatch

County is dropping the ball with mutual aide calls

ISO rating could be impacted

County - Licensing Fee 12k fee

Westcomm - \$28 per incident + fees = ~\$50k per year (included in amended 2026 budget)

Stafford - Got full ISO points when switching to Westcom

SO still having issues because call volume is increasing and they take priority.

Transition time is 4-8 weeks from decision to transition.

Motion to provide permission for Vontz to engage Westcom to bring a contract to board for approval by Curtis, 2nd by Matt, unopposed.

Boots and Badges

Annual event for Behind the Badge - Feb 7th

Table \$750 for ten top

Sponsorship \$1,000 for ten top

At the recommendation of Matt, the opportunity to attend should go to the members of the department. Vontz/Hoft to determine that.

Motion to buy table by Del, 2nd by Matt, Unopposed

Approved Signers:

Motion by Matt Cornell to authorize John Grillo, Kathy Golden, Larry Dana, Jarod Vontz as the signees for the following accounts and have Dean Hamrick removed as signee.

Money Market
Checking
ICS

2nd Curtis
Unopposed.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:02 pm

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: 8:16 pm.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:17 pm

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Kathy Golden
PGVFD Board Secretary