

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PECAN GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT HELD A REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON
Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.
PGVFD, 727 Pitts Rd., Richmond, Texas 77406**

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Zach Johnson, John Grillo, Kathy Golden, Curtis Brown, Larry Danna, Matt Cornell

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Del Davis

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Vontz, Captain Chief Serrano, Cassie Lee, Kolby Lee.

CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The Agenda was adopted as presented.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on July 9, 2026 were presented for approval. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Larry and seconded by Matt. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

New First Checking	\$17,230.08
New First CR Comm. Checking	\$33,747.47
New First Money Market	\$143,189.97
New First ICS	\$1,198,190.43
New First CDRS	\$282,939.04
TOTAL OF ACCOUNTS	\$1,675,296.99

Reserve Required by Board	\$300,000.00
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CASH AVAILABLE	\$1,375,296.99
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Financial report:

July Payments

ESO Software 7/2026-7/2027: \$3,290.00

Q2 Radios FBCSO: \$2,256.70

New Battalion 61 + Ladder 61 added to Insurance (VFIS): \$9,517.00

Quarterly VFIS building and auto installment: \$12,921.00

August Payments

2019 Pierce new tires: \$5,342.57

Metro (gear): \$46,681.67

Got You Covered uniform t-shirts: \$7,556.16

Quarterly Payroll worker's comp audit: \$30,292.00

Motion to accept the financial report was made by Zach and seconded by Curtis, motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update on ESD - Howard Katz suggested we petition the Court in September for a May election. Need more signatures.

Update on dispatch (County or West Com): Decision made to stay with the County, they are updating their CAD system and improvements are anticipated.

Texas Forestry Service Equipment Grant - Completed purchasing and reviewing paperwork with the State. Should be eligible for \$25,000 reimbursement. Completion on the Tanker is estimated for Spring 2027.

Stations

No report

Apparatus

High-water vehicle was towed in for repairs.

Control board in current Battalion vehicle is fried.

PM for 62, PM for 61 is being scheduled.

66 - removing equipment and scheduled for decommissioning.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Vontz presented 2027 Capital Planning including:

PPE storage per the 1850 mandate of the State. Proposed separate building behind Station 1, climate controlled, to house gear and cascade for breathing air, estimated cost is \$340,000. Internal area at Station 2 where cascade is now, to be turned into PPE storage, estimated cost is \$45,000 for a total project cost of \$385,000. The State is expecting a viable plan in place by next month, and the goal is to implement by next year. Phase 1 - Station 1, Phase 2 - Station 2.

Mobile data - computer and internet access on trucks for approximately \$10,000 per vehicle. For frontline and command vehicles, the estimate is \$80,000 with \$5,000 for instillation.

Radio replacement - radios in service for 10 - 15 years, aging out. Estimate for 36 portables with chargers and microphones plus 12 mobile radios is estimated at \$550,000. Possible grant opportunity.

Total proposal for 2027 would be \$1,020,000.

In 2028, air pack cylinders will expire with replacement around \$700,000.

Board elections are coming up in November and candidates can present at the October FD Business Meeting. The following nominations were presented:

Larry Danna nominated Curtis Brown - Curtis accepted the nomination.

Kathy Golden nominated Zach Johnson - Zach accepted the nomination.

John Grillo nominated Larry Danna - Larry accepted the nomination.

Larry Danna nominated John Grillo - John accepted the nomination.

Safe - D Conference will be February 11 - 13, 2027 in Round Rock at The Kalahari Indoor Water Park.

HOA Leadership Meeting will be August 31st at the MUD Building at 5:30. The MUD, all the Homeowner Associations and Precinct 1 Constable, Chad Norvell will be in attendance. Fire Board members are welcome to attend.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: No items for executive session.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION:

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 pm

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 10 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Kathy Golden

PGVFD Board Secretary