

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

of September 14, 2026
at Inverness Fire Station 35 Ela Road, Inverness, IL

Call to Order The regular meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Trustee Del Mar.

Roll Call Present: President Aaron Del Mar, Treasurer Robert McKanna, Secretary Gerald Chapman. Others Present: Fire Chief Richard Kurka, Executive Assistant Marjean Diercks.

Pledge of Allegiance Trustee Chapman led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment - None

Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - i. August 10, 2026 Regular Meeting
 - ii. August 26, 2026 Special Meeting
- b. Approval of Financial Report for month ending - August 31, 2026
- c. Approval of Bill List and expenditures - \$93,724.11
- d. Approval of Additional Bill List and expenditures - \$3,997.23

Motion by Trustee Chapman, seconded by Trustee McKanna, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call vote: 3 Yes (Del Mar, Chapman, McKanna), 0 No. The motion carried.

Attorney's Report - None

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Kurka provided the following updates:

- There were 98 calls responded to in August. The breakdown includes 2 Fire calls, 63 EMS calls, 18 Public Service calls, and 15 calls designated as Other.
- Employee sick leave usage has increased.
- Two candidates accepted conditional offers of employment and are undergoing pre-employment testing. Their anticipated start dates are late September or early October.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Tristan Winder's father passed away suddenly.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Tortorelli assisted a visually impaired participant during a mud run event last month.

- The annual Open House was well attended, with strong support and participation from firefighters' family members.
- The District received the Tax Anticipation Warrants / Bridge Loan from Cook County.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Annual Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Cost Report

Motion by Trustee Del Mar, seconded by Trustee Chapman, to approve the Annual Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Cost Report as presented. Roll Call vote: 3 Yes (Del Mar, Chapman, McKanna), 0 No, 0 Absent/ Abstain.

Policy for Remote Attendance

There was discussion of the District's Open Meetings Act remote attendance policy and the need to update it to reflect current allowable reasons for remote participation. Staff was directed to revise the policy and present an updated version, along with corresponding revisions to the Fire Commissioners' policy, at a future meeting.

Closed Session - None

Trustee Reports - None

Next Meeting - October 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment There being no further business, motion by Trustee Chapman, seconded by Trustee McKanna, to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Roll Call vote: 3 Yes (Del Mar, Chapman, McKanna), 0 No. The motion carried.

APPROVED October 12, 2026

Aaron Del Mar

President
Inverness Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

Gerald Chapman

Secretary
Inverness Fire Protection District