HAMILTON RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING
Date: May 14th Meeting Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
    a. **Chairman Suenram called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm**
2. **ROLL CALL (X-PRESENT, A-ABSENT, E-EXCUSED**

___ X Vice-Chair Adams

____ E Secretary/Treasurer Brady

____ X Trustee Campbell

____ X Chair Suenram

Guests present include Assistant Chief Tyson Woods, Mayor Farrenkopf

3. **Public Comment (for items not on the agenda) –** A fundamental element of democracy is the right of citizens to address their elected representatives, therefore any citizen may provide written or verbal public comments during this time that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees. No Board action or discussion shall be taken on public comment and comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS:** Consent items are non-controversial and can be acted upon at one time without discussion. ***Any member of the Board may pull any consent item for discussion and separate action.***
    a. Approval of AGENDA
    b. Approval of the MINUTES from April 9th, 2025 – a regular scheduled meeting
    c. Approval of warrants and financial report for March/April

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve agenda, minutes and warrants from April 9th. Trustee Campbell seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Charter Spectrum	Internet	$104.94
Century Link	Phone	$132.67
Ravalli Electric	Utilities	$150.59
Northwestern Energy	Utilities- Charlos & Skalkaho (bills available on 10th)	$293.97
Visa	Microsoft	$75.00
Stacy Oren	Cleaning – Skalkaho & Charlos	$150.00
Ronda Taggart	Admin Bookkeeping	$536.75
Sula Peak Lawn	Mowing – April Charlos & Skalkaho	$930.00
Openpath Security	Dues	$720.00
MT Truck Works	Bal 7311 - $6618.99 7311 Transmission line work - $2195.54	$8814.53
CarQuest	Supplies, battery 7122, 7211	$559.39
Evans' Ace	Supplies	$13.17

5. **CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**
   a. **VFIS coverage and accident cards email**

6. **TRUSTEES REPORTS**
   a. **Chairman Suenram** – The majority of the unfavored bills in the legislature have been abolished
   b. **Trustee Campbell –** Meeting at city council, vote in favor for 'notification siren' to stay, still under review for number of hours per day, will follow up

7. **VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION REPORT** - nothing

8. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**
    a. **Chief Tyson Woods** – reviewed calls, submitted initial budget to city, discussed false alarms, spoke about city council meeting and siren discussion, Robert's Run meetings, HazMat Run on 22nd, Frontline coming in August again, burn house training last month, DNRC packets being worked on for contracts

9. **DISCUSSION AND DECISION**
    a. **Hose Reel 7221 –** motor is dead, around $500 to replace, want to get fixed locally, follow up to come

10. **DISCUSSION ON**
    a. **Budget Transfers Preparation** – Chairman Suenram; brief discussion on having accounts ready to review for special meeting
    b. **Discussions on FY 25-26 Budget** – Chairman Suenram; short discussion on budget items for upcoming FY

11. **UPDATE ON:**
    a. **Tax Roll Audit** – Trustee Brady; March 29th date canceled; no new discussion
    b. **Increased Credit Card Limit –** Trustee Brady; new number issued with new cards
    c. **New Fire Station Location & ISO Audit –** Trustee Brady; Skip flew drones, measured ponds, sent some information, wants to follow up
    d. **Bid / Building Sketch for Storage Building –** Trustee Adams; Chairman Suenram; nothing new
    e. **dot gov Domain Name** – Chairman Suenram; still working on it
    f. **New Fire Chief** – Chairman Suenram; Mayor Farrenkopf updated, reviewed some information regarding compensation to officers, will be a meeting with association soon, still working on details with the attorneys
    g. **Apparatus Mechanic –** Chairman Suenram; still working on it
    h. **Northwest Fire Services** – Trustee Brady; tanks are built
    i. **New tires for 7221 and 7321 –** Assistant Chief Sisson; Chief Woods; Trustee Adams working on
    j. **Plymovent System** – Assistant Chief Sisson; Slade has a plan
    k. **Roster** – Chairman Suenram; need to establish two companies

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none

13. **NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting will be on June 11th at 5:30 pm at the Skalkaho Station**

14. **ADJOURNED**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Approved by:

Bruce Sleeman

Board Chairman

Secretary/Treasurer