

**Minutes of Iowa Firefighters Association
Mid-Year Business Meeting
Saturday, April 1, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
Gateway Hotel and Conference Center**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The Mid-Year Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Chuck Raska. The colors were presented, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Chuck Raska gave the invocation.

Resolution #1

To the members of the Iowa Firefighters Association assembled here in Ames, Iowa on this 1st day of April in the year 2023.

WHEREAS: We would like to thank the Gateway Hotel, the Ames Fire Department, the Mid Year Committee and the citizens of Ames for their gracious hospitality

THEREFORE: Let it be resolved that this resolution be passed by a standing ovation from all members present at this annual Mid-Year meeting of the Iowa Firefighters Association. Respectfully submitted by the Resolutions Committee.

Introduction of Guests:

Ames Fire Department – Deputy Chief Tom Hackett

He gave a brief welcome to the community of Ames and encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy Ames. He also acknowledged everyone's commitment for attend the meeting this weekend as Fire School was also scheduled for this weekend as well. He welcomed attendees to stop by and visit any of the three fire departments in Ames.

Iowa Elks Association – Ken Swank

Ken Swank gave a brief update on what the Elks Association has been doing over the last year. He mentioned that they sponsor 7 fire safety trailers in the state of Iowa. These safety trailers have saved lives over the years teaching citizens critical fire prevention practices. They have budgeted \$8,000 this year to make updates to the trailers.

Muscular Dystrophy Association – Jill Harper

A representative from MDA joined us via Zoom and gave a quick update on the last year. She went into their portfolio details such as National Care Network, Worldwide Research Network, Advocacy, Community Education, etc. Last year, firefighters across the state of Iowa were able to raise \$265,000 for the MDA. She also touched on the MDA Summer Camp and the Impact of ALS. President Chuck Raska passed around the boot to help raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The boot brought in \$710.50 for the MDA.

American Red Cross – Robert Inouye

Robert was able to attend the meeting and give an update on what the American Red Cross can do for your city/county. He mentioned about 90% of their calls are fire related calls. Over the last year they were able to give over 1.2 million to those in Iowa that were in need of financial assistance. Rob left some flyers with information on who to call in your area.

Iowa EMS Association – Mark Sachen

No Report

Iowa Emergency Management Association – Thomas Craighton

Thomas Craighton joined the meeting and gave a quick update on their association. They are the coordinators for emergencies across the state. If you do not know who your coordinator is for your part of the state, please reach out to IEMA so they can get you connected with that individual. He mentioned that every school will be getting an emergency radio.

Iowa Society of Fire Service Instructors – Thomas Craighton

Thomas Craighton is also the president of the Iowa Society of Fire Service Instructors. Their conference is scheduled for April 22nd at the Stoney Creek Hotel in Johnston, IA. Thomas mentioned that the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and board member positions are up for election. He mentioned that they have multiple resources located on their website. He went on to discuss fire safety standards and technology that is available. Thomas also discussed the importance of offering counseling to our firefighters.

IAPFC – Matt Trexel

No Report

IFCA – Roger Bissen

Roger gave an update on the Iowa Fire Chiefs Association. They have an upcoming workshop that has a lot of good round table discussions. They will have a conference this fall with the Iowa Professional Chiefs Association in Marshalltown on October 27th and 28th.

State Fire Marshal – Dan Wood

Dan Wood thanked everyone for inviting him. He mentioned that their budget is slim this year. There has been a big shift within the Training Division. They will only have two bureaus now, including Arson & Explosives and the Fire Service Training Bureau. They currently only have 10 fire investigators that will cover the whole state. He has three that will be retiring this year, so they will be down to 7 investigators. He mentioned that their budget will most likely be cut back as well.

Fire Service Training Bureau – Jess Dunn

Jess Dunn is currently at Fire School, so Dan Wood gave an update. They are going to try and schedule Fire School for late January next year. He also mentioned that they are trying to be more active on social media, so be sure to check that out for updates.

A motion was made by Manchester to approve the Convention Meeting Minutes from Iowa Falls, Iowa (September 11, 2022), seconded by Radcliffe. All approved, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report/Financial Report – Taylor Moore

Taylor Moore introduced herself as the IFA Executive Director. She also introduced Kelsey Burkhardt who works together with Taylor on the IFA account. Taylor mentioned that Kelsey has done a great job managing the membership piece, so if you have any questions or changes, you can reach out to her, and she will help you get everything sorted out. Over the last couple months, I have been working with Gene Evans to set a date for the poster program luncheon for the poster winners. The 2022 Luncheon will be hosted by the Story City Fire Department on May 21st. With the help of Roger and Marv, I have been working on scheduling flights, hotels, and meetings with legislators for the Washington DC trip next month. And now for the financial report.

Here are the bank statement account balances as of March 23, 2023:

General Checking - \$101,742.57
Mutual Aid Check - \$12,059.66
Affiliated Membership Savings - \$341.61
CD Savings - \$67,433.12
Convention Equipment Savings \$3,150.54
Credit Card Earnings Savings \$5,802.35
General Savings \$519.84
Hall of Flame Savings \$12,695.08
IA Vol Firefighter PAC \$2,285.17
IFA Scholarship Fund \$6,783.55
Mutual Aid Savings \$12,564.36
Office Improvement Savings \$982.42
Recruitment, Retention, Defense \$2,152.09
Edward Jones CD \$200,000.00

Total Checking/Savings \$428,512.36

A motion was made by Don Scott to approve the financial report, seconded by Grinnell. Motion carried.

2022-23 Proposed Budget

Taylor presented the Proposed Budget for 2023-24. There was a little discussion on the mid-year expenses vs income. There was also discussion on the being two separate lodging expense items. **A motion was made by Dyersville to approve the 2023-24 Proposed Budget. Motion carried.**

Credentials Report:

Jason Barrick announced that the credentials are now closed; voting credentials are now closed. We had 37 towns file credentials for a total vote of 1,195.

Alden 21, Atlantic 36, Bellevue 36, Sheridan 35, Colesburg 16, Dyersville 68, Earlville 27, Earlham 25, Eldora 30, Forest City 45, Garner 35, Garrison 17, Gilman 1, Grinnell 51, Guthrie Center 39, Harlan 34, Holland 18, Hudson 37, Iowa Falls 34, Jewell 21, LaPort City 28, Lake Mills 44, Low Moor 13, Manchester 33, Maquoketa 34, Mechanicsville 20, North Liberty 41, Osage 42, Panora 30, Radcliffe 26, Redfield 20, Riverdale 20, Sigourney 25, Solon 38, Storm Lake 23, Stewart 33, Tama 50, Traer 33, Van Horne 15, Vinton 26, Waverly 31, Wellsburg 25

37 Towns: Total Votes 1,195

Total Vote Count 1,195

A motion was made by Maquoketa to approve the credentials report, seconded by Wellsburg. All approved.

Audit Update:

Mike Kime reported that Rick Schmidt and himself made the trip to Milford, NE back in January after Firefighter Day on the Hill to audit the financials. Mike reported that all was in order and encouraged members to send two separate checks if paying for membership and mutual aid. **A motion was made by Dyersville to approve the audit report, seconded by Wellsburg. All approved.**

Officer Reports:

1st Vice President – Roger Carr

Thank you to all for attending today and to the Gateway for allowing us to come back again this year. A question was asked recently what does the IFA do for our members? Well, the first thing I have to say about this is just like any other organization you belong to you will get out of it what you put into it.

How many of you just sit back, read, or don't read the paper and do nothing else? Do you respond to or even follow our web site or face book page when we put out a call to action for legislation notification?

Are you contacting us with your concerns so we can work on solutions or just complain to others? Do you utilize the FSTB for training that the IF fought hard to not only keep but increase the budget to provide free training for your department? Do you ask for a Board member to participate in Length of Service awards for your members of 20 years or more? Do you ask for a Board member to attend County meetings to update information or answer any questions?

So, I ask you what are you doing to make the IF stronger, better and more effective in serving the firefighters belonging to this organization?

I and the other members of this Board are here to serve you, our members, to the best of our ability and have spent countless hours and traveled thousands of miles to do this. Personally, I have found this to be a very gratifying experience and look forward to working with and for you in the future.

One last thing I need to bring up is my Mid-Year meeting will be April 4th through the 6* 2024 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Cedar Falls, Iowa 7213 Nordic Drive 50613.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you.

2nd Vice President – Aaron Clemons

Good morning, everyone. Thank you all for attending. Since our January board meeting, I was able to make it to Bradgate and present a 50 years of service award to a very dedicated member. I haven't been able to do these presentations very much just due to life's schedule, but I will say it is always fun to meet new firefighters and hear about the things they have done over the years to help their departments grow to where they are now. I also had the opportunity to attend Firefighter Day on the Hill. I and the rest of the board had a very positive reaction this year, I thought. While the Chili Cook-off was underway, we had the opportunity to meet with the legislatures and express our goals and ideas for support all firefighters across the state. Many great questions were asked, and many great answers were given. I would like to thank John and Cindy for all of their hard work. Without them, we would never be able to accomplish our goals.

I have chosen to talk about firefighting tactics. As we all know, the way we fight fires is changing. The way homes are built are efficient and cost effective but the materials used are highly combustible. This ultimately creates a hazard for us as firefighters. Fires are doubling in size every minute from the point of ignition. Changing the way we approach fighting fires needs to change. Most of us are still using the direct attack method. This method is efficient and, in some cases, works well. This method also puts us at most danger. This method often comes with tunnel vision, which leads to more injuries. As we adapt, switching to transitional attack methods are proving to be a safer alternative for approaching structure fires. Attacking the fires from the exterior and then moving in to finish extinguishing the flames is proving to be safer and ultimately leading to less injuries for firefighters. Less time in the smoke can also carry heavy benefits for fighter health in the long run. In closing, I would strongly urge you and your departments to make the change in your training. Prepare for the worst and hope for the best. Thank you!

3rd Vice President – Kent Brix

I have been to area fund raisers to see how we are all working hard to provide efficient service to their communities. Pancake Breakfast in Andover, Bit Bar-Q in Dunkerton, Gooselake for a Craft Show and DeWitt for a Euchre Tournament.

Also have been working on the April 29, 2023, Golf at Lincoln Valley Golf in State Center we need more golfers presently have 9 teams join up come have a good time.

Participated at the Capital for Fire Fighter on The Hill Day talking to many law-making individuals. Pushing our concerns on the future of the volunteer service and the support we need from them to improve and strengthen the service.

After the time at the Capital, I took a trip up to Albert City and presented a service award to Gary Hogrefe 47 years of service.

I had heavy heart over the loss of several influencing individuals in our service over the month of March. To finish out the month I made a trip to the Capital to sit in on two sub committees to get my word in on the cause. As the committees wrap up, we got positive support from them to move them on to the next step.

Mental Health

I would like to push my conviction out about the mental health of our emergency service. As I talked last mid-year on the organization of Hero Haven in Clinton County. This group of responders are providing a safe place where a responder can leave everything out on table with no judgement. It is a great resource if available, however it really falls on the leadership of the departments.

All leaders should show signs of integrity, self-awareness, courage, respect, empathy, and gratitude. So as a leader we strive to protect our responders by training in techniques and procedures to accomplish the mission. We will have to continue that concern after those incidents that are emotionally stressful to ensure our responders are processing their feelings and thoughts. Leaders must present a culture in your department that supports the strength and courage in admitting that they are bothered by the incident so you can get them help. This trait can be the difference in keeping our responders strong in performing duties when they know you support on all issues.

So, to finish up I want to say we need to change the stigma that as an emergency responder we are superhuman, invincible, indestructible and nothing can bother us, we are human. We're just willing to go into harm's way for our communities. It's not a weakness to ask for help, it's courageous.

4th Vice President – Mike Kime

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for being here today and thank the gateway hotel for availability, it's a great venue.

Since my last report I went to Delaware and West Union to present length of service awards. It is so awesome to get to see other Fire Departments members and their stations. So much time and talent is put into all the different stations, I love seeing the variety. The interactions at awards with lifelong fire friends as well as getting introduced to new fire friends is very rewarding along with the representation from the IFA for a great dedication from individuals. I attended Firefighter Day on the Hill. Great to be down there representing the IFA again this year. If you have not had a chance to attend, I highly recommend it, even if it's just to be there and see all that is going on. It is wonderful to have connections with our legislatures (remember they work for us) so we need to hold them accountable to do that job and represent on behalf of the IFA. These networking moments will help us continue to push forward and hope to increase the benefit for the Iowa Firefighter. Thank you to John and Cindy for all your time, dedication, support and hard work you do and continue to do for the IFA. The IFA couldn't do all that has been done without you, thank you. I have made a trip to the capital for our bills that the IFA is trying to get pushed through. Being at the capital and listening and learning when there is a bill you want to go through is a very eye opening experience. We will continue to see these bills being pushed for all that show a dedication to the fire service. When a call to action is put in place, I would like to thank all of you for doing this. I know it does take a few minutes however each correspondence of action is another voice the legislature is hearing. Those are being heard. Thank you and keep up the good work.

Unfortunately, I have had to attend funerals for my brothers. Funerals are the hardest to attend, never an easy moment. When one in our fire family is hurting, as well as their family, and brothers and sisters, we all hurt. We continue to think of those we have lost before us and send thoughts, prayers and strength to the families that have lost a loved one.

Rick and I performed the audit for the IFA with AAM in February. AAM was very accommodating and helpful during our visit. During our audit we go through checks and balances to verify all is correct. We did not find anything that was incorrect. We appreciate the relationship we have with AAM and the

great job they do for the IFA. On a side note, being in the vehicle for the 6-hour drive we got to know each other a little better.

The conversation was great, and the ride went fast. I learned Rick is one heck of a driver. He can have the wheel and get us there in a hurry as I have had too many tickets, so my driving speed has slowed down.

I would just like to say a few words about recruitment and commitment. If you already have a junior firefighter program thank you and keep up the good work. If you are thinking about starting one, I highly recommend doing so as this is a great opportunity to help our youth get started in the fire service. This is a commitment to each individual to their fire department, their families and to their community. Just for an example, In Waucoma we have had 7 junior firefighters since I joined in 2006. We have been fortunate to now have 2 continue serving on our Waucoma Fire Department as firefighters. Another that started as a junior is our son Scott. He is now on the New Hampton fire Department and serves as training officer. We had another junior who went on to fight forest fires, however employment and family took precedence of continuing in the fire service. We had another junior who moved away, however still serves on his local fire department here in Iowa. The other 2 are in employment that require travel and being gone and are no longer in the fire service. So, in closing the fire service does help with recruitment. Start a program to help teach, lead, and support the youth through meetings, and training of the fire service. Let them learn firsthand about their commitment to each other on the department, them individually, as well as to their families and to their communities.

5th Vice President – Rick Schmidt

As your 5th Vice President, it is my job to ask; Who is attending this meeting for the first time? Thank you for being here!

We would like to get your picture during our next break in the corner.

I would like to thank you all for being here today. Our Association remains strong because you care about being here to know what is going on with the IFA.

I have learned many things, being on the board this year. I have attended many of the Firefighter Day on the Hill events. I thought I knew quite a bit about the legislative process. Wow, I learned so much more about the process this year, and I think the most important lesson is that while our voice gets heard at the capitol, it is when our membership gets involved by emailing their legislators, that they really listen to us. Twice this year, we have asked for a call to action, for the membership to send emails, and you did. A few days later the action we were hoping for was happening. As a board we try to let the legislators know what is important to us, but they know we are only 7 people. When they hear from all of you, they pay attention. 7 people do not make a lot of noise, but 200 to 300 people can. 12-14 thousand people can really make a loud voice and cause action in the legislature. If we send out a call for action, please email your legislators to support Iowa Firefighters

I would like to thank those departments that I had the pleasure of visiting to hand out Length of Service Awards. It was an honor to hand out these awards, and I appreciate the hospitality that I received.

In closing, I would like to wish good luck to the 5th Vice candidates this year.

Past President – Jason Barrick

Like it or not, social media is here to stay. It's a tool fire department can use to build goodwill within their communities and improve how they communicate with the people they serve; however, it's also something fire departments should enter strategically.

- Goodwill within your Community social media presents fire departments an opportunity that they've never had before. The ability to communicate directly with the public. Social media is a way to inform those you serve about what you do to protect them.

President – Chuck Raska:

I'd like to start out by thanking the City of Ames, the Ames Fire Department, and the Gateway Hotel for their gracious hospitality in hosting our event. I'd also like to thank my Mid-Year committee for organizing a productive fun filled weekend.

It's been a busy year for the board. As you've heard from the others this winter has been full of awards banquets funerals and meetings. We made it our goal to have a board member at the capitol at least every other week to work on our legislative agenda. This schedule has worked out very well as there has been a greater need for our presence to support all of you. I'll let John and Cindy give you the legislative season highlights but I would like to show how grateful I am for their persistence and dedication to the benefit of the Firefighters of Iowa. Thank you, John and Cindy, for all your hard work. I've had the pleasure of attending awards banquets in Edgewood, Quimby, Battle Creek, and Atlantic, at which I had the pleasure of presenting PP Mark McNees with his retirement certificate. I attended the Funerals for Past Presidents Nick Riley, Cliff Renslow, and Ron Wilson.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of our accomplishments since I've been on the board. The IFA has successfully pushed through legislation that has benefited every firefighter in the state. We played a role in the hiring of the bureau chief after a few years of substitutes, and we played a major role in getting the training bureau into its new facility. We are always doing our part in protecting the firefighter training fund from being cut and methodically pushing for an increase every couple years to help cover the cost of doing business. We helped secure the funds to build a firefighter training tower at Camp Dodge along with an increase to the training fund to operate it. We worked alongside George Oster to pass legislation to once again allow benefitted fire districts to be formed in the state, and supported the bill that passed allowing EMS the ability to implement a tax levy to improve their operations. We passed the first responder bill increasing the immunity to first responders in the event of an accident and were successful in raising the first responder tax credit from \$100 to \$250. This year we presented the tire bill that allows volunteer firefighters to purchase a set of tires every three years at the state discount bid price. We are also successfully pushing the LOSAP bill creating a retirement program for volunteers. In conjunction with the fire Marshall's office, we've asked for \$100,000 to restart the state smoke detector project.

The IFA is dedicated to the improvement of Iowa's Fire Service and protection of the general public through legislation, training, implementation of standards, fire prevention, public relations and information.

The IFA is and always will be the Voice of the Iowa Firefighters.

Committee Reports:

NVFC - Marv Trimble & Roger Bissen

Marv is down at Fire School hosting an NVFC booth, so he was unable to make today's meeting. Roger mentioned that last fall Marv and himself attended the NVFC meeting in Wilmington, NC. The NVFC had their first ever Wildland Firefighting Seminar on March 17th and 18th in Rapid City, SD. He mentioned that Anheuser-Busch is continuing to do the drinking water for the Wildland Fires. He mentioned that an NVFC membership only costs \$25.

Long Range Planning: Roger Bissen

Members of the Long-Range Planning Committee met via Zoom on March 23, 2023, at 7:00 PM. The members in attendance were Roger Bissen – Harlan, Charlie Runge – Radcliffe, Jim Kenkel – Woodward. The Committee also met in person on March 31, 2023, in Ames. The members present were Roger Bissen, Kirk Rice, Jim Kenkel, Charlie Runge, Bill Halleran. The Committee has met in the past in 1996, 2001, 2006, and 2017. Some highlights from previous meeting that have been completed are Develop an IFA Newsletter, State Training Requirements, Develop a Full Time Executive Office Position, Build better working relationships with other Fire Organizations, Develop Email Communications to the membership, Develop a disaster recovery plan. Some things that have been discussed in the past and we are still working on are; Building our membership, exploring electronic voting. Items the Committee feels the Iowa Firefighters Association needs to focus on are:

- Continue to retain our current membership and build membership for the future, this can be accomplished by offering the IFA membership to include membership to the NVFC. Benefits of NVFC membership include; First Responder helpline, AD&D Life Insurance Policy, Exposure Tracking, Credit Unions, Insurance Policies, Educational options, Discount Programs, Grant writing assistance. This should be worked on over the next three years.
- Continue to work on better Electronic Voting Virtually and in Person to eliminate manually tallying election results and run the risk of error.
- Convention Committee to work on a solution for an option of a permanent convention site in the case where we do not have a convention city stepping up and willing to host convention. An example of a permanent site could be establish an MOU with various established locations available if there is no convention city.
- Maintain a prominent Legislative voice from the Board and the Membership throughout Iowa and the Nation
- Continue to work with the Emergency Response Council to support the Fire Service of Iowa
- Continue to support the State Fire Marshal's Office and Fire Service Training Bureau
- Move Convention events around to eliminate the Convention meeting on Sunday morning

Memorial Committee - Mike Reuman

Mike gave a quick update on the 2023 Memorial Service that will be Sunday, June 11th in Coralville, IA. This will be the 28th Annual Memorial. The memorial committee decided to purchase carnations instead of having the families bring wreaths to place along the memorial again this year. Fundraising has started to raise funds for the new panels. Gene Evans announced that Riddles Jewelry donated another red line watch this year to be auctioned off. We will be auctioning off the watch tonight at the auction and the proceeds will go to the Memorial.

Legislative Committee - John and Cindy Peterson

John and Cindy Peterson thanked everyone for coming. Cindy reminded everyone how to find their legislators and legislation. Below are the topics that were discussed:

- **HF 340 - LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD**
 - This bill has passed the Local Government committee and is now in Appropriations. It passed the Approps sub committee and will go to full Appropriations committee next.
- **SF 174 - BUILDING CODE CHANGES**
 - This is a Governors bill to try and standardize all inspections. Division 10
- **HF 418/HF 603 – VOLUNTEER TIRE PURCHASES**
 - Limits a volunteer firefighter and EMS to the purchase of one set of tires under the DAS master contract. This puts the cost savings directly into your pocket when you buy new tires.
- **SF 555 – PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY PROVIDER**
 - This bill authorizes a volunteer emergency services provider, as defined in Code section 100B.14(2), whose homestead is located in the local service area for which the provider is a volunteer and who has been a volunteer emergency services provider for five or more years, earns less than \$5,000 per year for service as a volunteer emergency services provider, and is in good standing with the provider's volunteer agency or entity, to file a petition with the county board of supervisors, requesting abatement of property taxes and special assessments assessed on the individual's homestead and giving other information as the board may require

Firefighter Day on the Hill is scheduled for January 24th next year. Please make the trip down to the capitol and join us for the Chili Cook-Off.

Convention Committee: Roger Carr

Roger gave an update on the convention meeting from yesterday. There were several discussions about what happens if we don't have cities set up to host convention. The question was brought up does IFA host the 2025 convention and pay off the electrical equipment and trailers. It was also discussed changing the bracket drills to double elimination. It was also discussed if the IFA could front departments up to \$100,000 in order to host convention. Those funds would be paid back to the association in full.

Hall of Flame: Rusty Hockman & Ashley Whitson

They will be having the fair again this year and encourage everyone to help and you can contact Ashley to sign up for working at the booth. The State Fair will be August 10-20, 2023.

Fire Prevention: Gene Evans

Gene gave a report on the Fire Prevention Poster Program. We had 124 posters submitted this year. The Fire Prevention Luncheon will be May 6th at the Jewell Fire Station at 11:00 am.

Unfinished Business:

Don Scott made a motion to change the name of the IFA Scholarship to the Cliff Renslow IFA Scholarship, seconded by Tom Cambell. Motion carried.

Resolutions - Gene Evans

Resolution Two

Current section 7 reads:

Sec. 7. The amount of the annual dues of this Association can only be set or changed by the delegates at the Mid-Year Business Meeting of the Association.

Suggested change to section 7:

Sec. 7. The amount of the annual dues of this Association can only be set or changed by the board of directors at the annual budget meeting in January with a unanimous yay vote of the board. The entire board must be present at the budget meeting to insure a fully unanimous vote. The Board of Directors will present at the mid-year business meeting the proposed dues structure that will take effect at the start of January of the following year. The president shall explain the reasons for any increase in dues and the membership will have a chance to comment or discuss any increase in dues.

A motion was made by Gene Evans and seconded by Jami Carr to approve Resolution #2. It was requested to do a ballot vote.

1125 votes were cast. There were 25 spoiled votes. There were 576 yes votes and 519 no votes. The Resolution did not pass.

New Business:

Convention 2024:

Kirk Rice with the Iowa Falls Fire Department reported that IFFD is willing to host the IFA Convention for 2024. **A motion was made by Don Scott to approve the 2024 Convention site, seconded by Grinnell. Motion carried.**

Good of the Association:

Lonnie Newhall from the Jesup Fire Department announced that he will be running for 5th Vice President position at the upcoming convention.

Mitchell Paxton from the Hubbard Fire Department announced that he will be running for 5th Vice President position at the upcoming convention.

Gene Evans announced that Riddles Jewelry donated another red line watch this year to be auctioned off. We will be auctioning off the watch tonight at the auction and the proceeds will go to the Memorial.

President Chuck Raska gave a final prayer.

Motion to adjourn – Forest City and Radcliffe. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Taylor Moore