



## Iowa Firefighters Association

June Board Meeting  
June 12, 2021 – Ely Fire Department

President Nick Riley called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

Board Present: Nick Riley, Jason Barrick, Chuck Raska, Roger Carr, Aaron Clemons, and Gene Evans.

Guests: Executive Director Taylor Moore, Aaron Cooper, Fontz

**Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Gene Evans and seconded by Roger Carr to approve the agenda. All approved.**

**Approval of Minutes:** The board reviewed the minutes from the April 17<sup>th</sup> Mid-Year meeting. **A motion was made by Chuck Raska and seconded by Jason Barrick to approve the Mid-Year meeting minutes. All approved.**

**Approval of Financial Report:** Taylor gave a brief financial report. **A motion was made by Jason Barrick and seconded by Aaron Clemons to approval the financial report. All approved.**

### **Guests:**

Legislature: John and Cindy are out of state and will be emailing Taylor their report.

The 2021 legislative session came to an end 19 days later than expected on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

At this time the Governor is reviewing the legislation that has passed during the 89<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. She has 30 days from the time the proposed legislation is signed by the leaders and sent to her desk to either sign the legislation or veto it. By the time you will be reading this all the bills passed by the legislature will have made it to desk to be signed or vetoed.

At the time of this writing two of our legislative priority bills have already been signed by the Governor.

HF 654 The Use of Lights did not have a bill signing but was signed by the Governor. This bill deals with the use of lights on emergency vehicles and does NOT authorize tow trucks to use blue lights.

SF 438 Expansion of the fireworks funds had a bill signing on May 19th with IFA board members, Gene Evans, Jason Barricks and Kent Brix attending. This bill allows the Fire Marshall to expand the grant program beyond grants for fireworks education. THE DEADLINE FOR THE 2021 GRANT IS JUNE 30TH! For details click here: <https://dps.iowa.gov/divisions/state-fire-marshal/LFPEMSgrant>.

The bill authorizes the state fire marshal to provide grants under the local fire protection and emergency medical service providers grant program to local fire protection service providers for the purchase of necessary equipment, in addition to the current authorization to provide grants to local fire protection service providers and local emergency medical service providers to provide fireworks safety education programming and to purchase necessary equipment related to the sale and use of consumer fireworks.

#### **Old Business:**

Convention Host Town and Contract: Jason is going to get with Taylor to finalize the contract. **A motion Roger Carr and seconded by Aaron Clemons to approve the revised amended Convention Host Town Info and Contract. All approved.**

Video Voting Proposal: Taylor is going to send Jack Video Voting Proposal to Jeff Gargano so it can be published in the paper.

NVFC: Jason mentioned that Roger Bissen contacted him and asked him if they were approved to attend the NVFC conference. Taylor mentioned putting together a Out of State Request Form for the NVFC Directors to turn in so the board can approve the expense. Chuck recommended sending Roger and Marv to Wyoming for the meeting. **A motion was made by Roger Carr and seconded by Gene Evans to approve the NVFC Directors to go to the Wyoming NVFC meeting in October. All approved.**

#### **New Business:**

Convention: Jason reminded Nick that we need to start getting timers and judges together for Convention. It was also discussed if we need to try getting new blanks for the starter pistols this year.

#### **Officer Reports:**

Jason: Jason reminded Roger and Aaron to start planning their Mid-years. And to have their year's events scheduled and ready to hand over to Jeff and Taylor at the start of their presidency. Jason went down to the capital when they signed the officer grant bill.

Chuck: Chuck has been focusing on his health. He was planning on going to the Poster Contest Awards Lunch, but then Gene and Aaron were able to go and present the awards.

Aaron: Aaron attended the poster program luncheon on May 22, 2021. PP Evans and Aaron presented the awards to the young men and women for their winning posters. They were very honored that all recipients were able to attend the luncheon. It was very humble to see that fire dept. representatives and even an art teacher of one the winners were in attendance. Looking forward to the convention!

Gene: Since the midyear meeting, I have attended the governor's bill signing expanding the fire marshals' grant program to include equipment in addition to training.

On May 22, 4th VP Aaron Clemons and I presented the 2020 poster awards at the Ackley fire station. It is always a pleasure to see the smiling faces of the award winners when the prizes are awarded.

Also on June 6, I and 1st VP Barrick, past president's Tom Campbell, Don Scott, John Dvorak, Marv Trimble, Jack Runge and many other IFA member departments attended the Cliff Renslow benefit in Stuart. It was a great honor to see such large community and fire service support for cliff.

I would urge everyone to make an effort to sign up to work the hall of flame at this year's Iowa State Fair. With the 2020 fair being cancelled due to covid, I would anticipate record crowds, and even if we have to modify the hall of flame, it still will be an excellent opportunity to teach fire safety and to showcase the fire service to the citizens of Iowa.

**Next Meeting:** Convention meeting September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm in Grinnell.

**Adjournment: A motion was made by Gene Evans and seconded by Roger Carr to adjourn at 10:29 am. All approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Moore  
Executive Director