



## NFLA - Board Meeting Minutes

February 9th, 2026 at 4:30 pm

Location: Zoom

Attendees: All Board Members invited

- ✓ Jack McFarland
- ✓ Jim Rittenburg
- ✓ Beth Ulrichsen
- ✓ Kevin Ulrichsen  
Cheryl Crane
- ✓ Ruth Kinsolving  
John Stone
- ✓ John Zardis
- ✓ Betsy Holycross

1. Call to order at 4:33
2. Agenda Review – no additions or changes
3. Review and approval of December 2<sup>nd</sup> board meeting minutes
  - a. Minutes approved unanimously
4. Financial Report
  - a. Treasurers Report –
    - i. Jim asked for clarification of the total number of members (268). John said that the 268 was the total sum of the 5 numbers above. John Z. has received a few more envelopes in the mail this week and will be adding them to the total.
    - ii. Jim asked about Hall rental number, John Z. will send an invoice to the Military for payment
    - iii. John Z. shared that tax paperwork is completed for the year. Both forms have been submitted.
  - b. Confirmation of signers on accounts
    - i. John Z. shared that the bank requires that a signer be a member of the board, that they recognize, be a signer on the account. They do not recognize “past presidents” as a position.
    - ii. Jim, Jack, and John Z. will be the signers on the accounts
5. Community Hall
  - a. Improvements/Maintenance:
    - i. Outhouse upgrade assessment -Jim shared that John Stone plans to complete the suggested improvements to the outhouse in the spring. Handrails, bolting down the structure, and improved privacy to the doors will be worked on. John S. estimates the cost will be between \$300-\$500
    - ii. Sound system – John Stone will talk with someone in Missoula about a sound system in March
  - b. Hall Use Agreement Review and Approval
    - i. John Z. will get quotes on cost of D&O Insurance
6. Event Planning for 2026
  - a. Speaker list for 2026
    - i. June – Anthony Nelson – Glacier Institute. (Jim is point person)
    - ii. July - Alert (Mark H/Jim are point people)
    - iii. August - North Valley Search and Rescue (Mark H/Jim are point people)
    - iv. Sept. and Oct. options
      1. (Moose Creek Fish Gate (Richard Hildner is the point person, Kevin will follow up with Richard)
      2. Kintla wildlife (Jack is the point person and will continue to research)
      3. K9 foundation- (Betsy is the point person and will move forward with securing them if we are in need)
    - v. Holly McKenzie, DNRC service forester for Flathead County, is interested in speaking with North Forkers about what they should consider following the December blowdowns (insect infestation/disease). Possibly in the spring the NFLA can host a presentation for landowners.
7. Community Topic

- a. Weed treatment at Hall – spring – Jim asked if a group may be willing to spray for weeds on the day of the Hall cleanup.
  - b. Spring Newsletter – Beth will work on the spring newsletter. Mailing date, first week of May.
    - i. Suggested articles:
      1. Holly McKenzie (blowdowns/weeds) Beth
      2. Jerry Wernick (what and when to plant) Beth
      3. Pat Elliot (flowers for the North Fork) Betsy
      4. Fire lookout history- John Zardis
      5. Property id/house numbers- Kevin
      6. Zoning regulations - Jim
  - c. Raising awareness to NF Zoning/Coordinate with LUAC
    - i. Jim shared that an amendment was filed, but tabled until amended or refiled
    - ii. Jim proposed publicizing our NF zoning regulations through the Welcome Committee, realtors, and NFLUAC could have an informational program
  - d. Signs for the Community Hall -Kevin asked if he could post a Firewise sign at the Hall and put up an address sign at the Hall.
8. Old Business
  9. New Business
    - a. Appreciation plaques to USFS, County Roads Dept, and NRCS for blowdown cleanup -Jim has purchased the plaques and will present them at the Winter Interlocal
    - b. Project ideas that would benefit the community -Jim shared a few thoughts on possible projects
      - i. Invest in a water tanker that can be towed to locations
        1. Kevin will get quotes for a water trailer from Mahugh Fire
      - ii. Possibly find a way to bring water to the Hall (pump from the creek/water tower)
    - c. Jim will get more gift certificates for presenters and Kevin will ask Richard if he has any additional mugs and where to purchase more
10. Legal - No matters to update at this time
  11. Adjourned at 5:31

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Ulrichsen  
NFLA Secretary  
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