Carlos Area Fire Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 28, 2026
Start Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Carlos Event Center

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1. Call to Order

- Roll Call / Members Present
  - Ronna Berghoff, City of Carlos
  - Jon Trenne, City of Carlos
  - Bill Krivanek, Carlos Township
  - Andy Miller, Belle River Township
  - Dwayne Waldorf, Carlos Township
  - Colton Steidl, Carlos Fire Dept Chief
  - Attendance list
- Introduction of Board and those in attendance.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Review and approval of minutes from Sept 14, 2026
  - Motion to approve minutes: **Waldorf, seconded Krivanek – Passed**

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3. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report

  - No Treasurer's Report

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4. Old Business

a. Project Discussion

- Joe Cecko –
  - Question asked about are the first responders also
  - Bids went out in August. All local contractors were awarded bids.
  - Total project with hard costs, softs costs and contingency: 2.66 million
  - Question of the audience: What is the Earthwork and Utilities costs/bids? – $187,000
- Dustin Tomoson – Ringdahl Architects
  - Question from the audience: Is the new building design sufficient for the fire department? – Colton responded that yes this does meet the needs

- Question from the audience: Is there a hose tower? – this was explored but is not in the budget therefore it was taken out of the project.
- Question from the audience: Is the City of Carlos paying cash up front? – The City of Carlos hasn't fully decided yet, but there is encouragement to bond for the project vs. paying cash as it can be hard for City's to recoup that cash, or can use it for other projects that may be harder to bond for.
- Question from the audience: How many overhead fill stations? – There will be 2 overhead fill stations.
- Clarification about the election - It will be on general election ballot. A "Yes" vote will be a yes, "no" vote will be a no, a "blank" vote will count as a no. The ballot question will read to bond up to 2.8 million.
- Question from the audience: Interest rate anticipation? – we don't have specifics, but we are ranging from 4-4.5% of an interest rate for the bond.
- Question from the audience: What is the city's plan for the current fire hall building if this project goes through? - As a city of Carlos we have not entertained this idea, we are waiting for the vote to go through before exploring options.

5. New Business

a. Building Committee

- Committee Members:
  - Mike Swendsrud – Not Present
  - Lawerence Keenan – Present
  - Fire Department Members
    - 2-3 Fireman

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6. Miscellaneous

a. None.

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7. Next Meeting Date and Time

- Confirm: ***Oct 12th, 2026*** *– 6:30 PM at* ***Carlos Event Center***
- Preliminary Agenda Items:
  - Project Informational Meeting

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8. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: **Berghoff, second Waldorf – passed.**

- Adjournment time recorded: 7:45 pm
- Notes completed by: Ronna Berghoff, Carlos Area Fire JPA, Secretary; City of Carlos, Mayor

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