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November 13, 2025

Thedford Rural Fire District
PO Box 161
Thedford, NE 69166-

RE: Thedford Rural Fire District

Dear Board:

We have received and reviewed the audit waiver request for the Thedford Rural Fire District for the fiscal year 2025. **The 2025 audit waiver request has been approved.**

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (402) 471-2111.

Sincerely,

Mark Avery, CPA
Assistant Deputy Auditor
Subdivision Audit Review Coordinator

2025-2026
STATE OF NEBRASKA
GENERAL BUDGET FORM

Thedford Rural Fire Protection District

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF
Thomas/Cherry County

This budget is for the Period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026

Upon Filing, The Entity Certifies the Information Submitted on this Form to be Correct:

The following **PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX** is requested for the ensuing year:

$	40,000.00	A1	Property Taxes for Non-Bond Purposes
$	45,000.00	A2	Principal and Interest on Bonds
$	85,000.00	A3	**Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required**

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of July 1, 2025

345,000.00	A4	Principal
27,775.00	A5	Interest
$ 372,775.00	A6	**Total Bonded Indebtedness**

561,513,170	A7	**Total General Fund Certified Valuation (All Counties)**

*(Certification of Valuation(s) from County Assessor **MUST** be attached)*

County Clerk's Use ONLY

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Budget Document To Be Used As Audit Waiver?

My Subdivision has elected to use this Budget Document as the Audit Waiver.
(If YES, Board Minutes MUST be Attached)

[X] YES [ ] NO

If **YES**, Column 2 **MUST** contain **ACTUAL** Numbers.

If YES, DO NOT COMPLETE/SUBMIT SEPARATE AUDIT WAIVER REQUEST.

Report of Joint Public Agency & Interlocal Agreements

Was this Subdivision involved in any Interlocal Agreements or Joint Public Agencies for the reporting period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[ ] YES [X] NO

*If **YES**, Please attach Interlocal Agreement Report.*

Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names

Did the Subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or other Business Name during the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[ ] YES [X] NO

*If **YES**, Please attach Trade Name Report.*

APA Contact Information

Auditor of Public Accounts
PO BOX 98917
Lincoln, NE 68509

Telephone: (402) 471-2111 **FAX:** (402) 471-3301

Website: auditors.nebraska.gov

Questions - E-Mail: Jeff.Schreier@nebraska.gov

Submission Information

Budget Due by 9-30-2025

Submit budget to:

1. Auditor of Public Accounts -Electronically on Website or Mail
2. County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk

Thedford Rural Fire Protection District in Thomas/Cherry County

Line No.	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	Actual 2023 - 2024 (Column 1)		Actual/Estimated 2024 - 2025 (Column 2)		**Adopted Budget 2025 - 2026** (Column 3)	
1	**Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers:**						
2	Beginning Net Cash Balance	118,900.75	B1	94,806.66	B29	60,335.28	B57
3	Investments	92,177.64	B2	86,301.50	B30	89,757.56	B58
4	County Treasurer's Balance	4,047.59	B3	1,116.44	B31	483.07	B59
5	**Subtotal of Beginning Balances** (Lines 2 thru 4)	**215,125.98**	B4	**182,224.60**	B32	**150,575.91**	B60
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes **(Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)**	74,165.02	B5	65,101.99	B33	83,333.33	B61
7	Federal Receipts	-	B6	-	B34	-	B62
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate **(To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)**	159.69	B7	141.25	B35	151.00	B63
9	State Receipts: State Aid	-	B8	-	B36	-	B64
10	State Receipts: Other	26,772.54	B9	94,213.70	B37	28,100.00	B65
11	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit	10,872.54	B10	11,530.72	B38		
12	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax	-	B11	-	B39	-	B66
13	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax **(To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)**	717.12	B12	-	B40	-	B67
14	Local Receipts: Other	111,054.47	B13	104,667.68	B41	52,298.00	B68
15	Transfers In Of Surplus Fees **(To Lid Supporting Schedule, page 4)**	-	B14	-	B42	-	B69
16	Transfer In Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers Out on Line 28)	16,705.63	B15	130,316.10	B43	-	B70
17	**Total Resources Available** (Lines 5 thru 16)	**455,572.99**	B16	**588,196.04**	B44	**314,458.24**	B71
18	**Disbursements & Transfers:**						
19	Operating Expenses	86,435.06	B17	86,369.83	B45	128,000.00	B72
20	Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements)	32,735.00	B18	-	B46	55,000.00	B73
21	Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.)	92,122.70	B19	306,300.30	B47	25,000.00	B74
22	Debt Service: Bond Principal & Interest Payments	45,350.00	B20	44,950.00	B48	44,150.00	B75
23	Debt Service: Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans **(Public Airports)**	-	B21	-	B49	-	B76
24	Debt Service: Payments to Bank Loans & Other Instruments **(Fire Districts)**	-	B22	-	B50	-	B77
25	Debt Service: Other	-	B23	-	B51	-	B78
26	Judgments	-	B24	-	B52	-	B79
27	Transfers Out of Surplus Fees	-	B25	-	B53	-	B80
28	Transfers Out Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers In on Line 16)	16,705.63	B26		B54	-	B81
29	**Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Lines 19 thru 28)	**273,348.39**	B27	**437,620.13**	B55	**252,150.00**	B82
30	**Balance Forward/Cash Reserve** (Line 17 - Line 29)	**182,224.60**	B28	**150,575.91**	B56	**62,308.24**	B83
31					Cash Reserve Percentage	36%	B84

PROPERTY TAX RECAP

Tax from Line 6	83,333.33	B85
County Treasurer's Commission at 2% of Line 6	1,666.67	B86
Total Property Tax Requirement	**85,000.00**	B87

Thedford Rural Fire Protection District in Thomas/Cherry County

To Assist the County For Levy Setting Purposes

The Cover Page identifies the Property Tax Request between Principal & Interest on Bonds and All Other Purposes. If your political subdivision needs more of a breakdown for levy setting purposes, complete the section below.

Property Tax Request by Fund:

		Property Tax Request
General Fund	$	40,000.00
Sinking Fund		
Bond Fund	$	45,000.00
_____ Fund		
Total Tax Request	** $	85,000.00

** This Amount should agree to the Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required on the Cover Page (Page 1).

Documentation of Transfers:

(Only complete if there are transfers noted on Page 2, Column 2)

Please explain what fund the monies were transferred from, what fund they were transferred to, and the reason for the transfer.

Transfer From: _____ Transfer To: _____

Amount:

Reason:

Transfer From: _____ Transfer To: _____

Amount:

Reason:

Township Property Taxes

If this is a Township Subdivision budget form, the amount of property taxes shown above and on the front cover may not represent the amount the Township will receive. Statute 39-1522 outlines that one-half of all money collected from the township levy on property within the corporate limits of a city or village shall be paid to the treasurer of the city or village to be used for the maintenance and repairs of the streets.

Township should take this into consideration when determining property tax amount to be budgeted.

Township Total Valuation	561,513,170
City/Village Valuation included in Township Valuation	
General Fund Tax Rate	0.007124
Township Taxes within City/Village	-
50% of Township Taxes within City/Village	-
Projected Township Taxes to be collected	40,000.00

Note: Township would need to verify with County Assessor the amount of City / Village valuation included within the Township Total Valuation. This calculation is only shown here as information for the Township to help determine the amount of property taxes needed to operate. **IT SHOULD NOT BE USED BY THE COUNTY FOR LEVY SETTING PURPOSES.**

Cash Reserve Fund

Statute 13-503 says cash reserve means funds required for the period before revenue would become available for expenditure but shall not include funds held in any special reserve fund. If the cash reserve on Page 2 exceeds 50%, you can list below amounts being held in a special reserve fund.

Special Reserve Fund Name	Amount
Total Special Reserve Funds	-

Total Cash Reserve	$	62,308.24
Remaining Cash Reserve	$	62,308.24
Remaining Cash Reserve %		36%

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

If no official address, please provide address where correspondence should be sent

NAME	**Thedford Rural Fire Protection District**
ADDRESS	**PO Box 161**
CITY & ZIP CODE	**Thedford, 69166**
TELEPHONE	
WEBSITE	

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Jay J. Jones	Orrin Schaeffer	"See Accountants' Compilation Report"
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Chairperson	Treasurer	RJ Meyer & Associates, LLC
TELEPHONE	(308) 539-5800		(308) 534-7655
EMAIL ADDRESS			Bob@rjmeyercpa.com

For Questions on this form, who should we contact (please √ one): Contact will be via email if supplied.

- [ ] Board Chairperson
- [ ] Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other
- [X] Preparer

NOTE: If Budget Document is used as an Audit Waiver, approval of the Audit Waiver will be sent to the Board Chairperson via email. If no email address is supplied for the Board Chairperson, notification will be mailed via post office to address listed above.

Thedford Rural Fire Protection District in Thomas/Cherry County

2025-2026 LID SUPPORTING SCHEDULE

Line No.	Calculation of Restricted Funds				
(1)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirements			85,000.00	C1
(2)	Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate			151.00	C2
(3)	In-Lieu of Tax Payments			-	C3
(4)	Transfers of Surplus Fees			-	C4
	Prior Year Budgeted Capital Improvements that were excluded from Restricted Funds.				
(5)	Prior Year Capital Improvements Excluded from Restricted Funds (From 2024-2025 Lid Exceptions, Line (10))	-	C5		
(6)	**LESS:** Amount Spent During 2024-2025	-	C6		
(7)	**LESS:** Amount Expected to be Spent in Future Budget Years	-	C7		
(8)	Amount to be included as Restricted Funds **(Cannot be a Negative Number)**			-	C8
(8a)	Nameplate Capacity Tax			-	C9
(9)	**TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS (A)**			**85,151.00**	C10

	Lid Exceptions				
(10)	Capital Improvements Budgeted (Purchase of Real Property and Improvements on Real Property)	-	C11		
(11)	**LESS:** Amount of prior year capital improvements that were excluded from previous lid calculations but were not spent and now budgeted this fiscal year *(cannot exclude same capital improvements from more than one lid calculation.)* Agrees to Line (7).	-	C12		
(12)	Allowable Capital Improvements			-	C13
(13)	Bonded Indebtedness			45,000.00	C14
(14)	Public Facilities Construction Projects (Statute 72-2301 to 72-2308) **(Fire Districts & Hospital Districts Only)**			-	C15
(15)	Interlocal Agreements/Joint Public Agency Agreements			-	C16
(16)	Public Safety Communication Project - Statute 86-416 **(Fire Districts Only)**			-	C17
(16a)	Benefits Paid Under the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act **(Fire Districts & Airport Authorities Only)**			-	C18
(17)	Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans from the Department of Aeronautics **(Public Airports Only)**			-	C19
(18)	Judgments			-	C20
(19)	Refund of Property Taxes to Taxpayers			-	C21
(20)	Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster			-	C22
(21)	**TOTAL LID EXCEPTIONS (B)**			**45,000.00**	C23
	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS For Lid Computation (To Line 9 of the Lid Computation Form) *To Calculate: Total Restricted Funds (A)-Line 9 MINUS Total Lid Exceptions (B)-Line 21*			**40,151.00**	C24

*Total Restricted Funds for Lid Computation **cannot** be less than zero. See Instruction Manual on completing the Lid Supporting Schedule.*

Thedford Rural Fire Protection District
in
Thomas/Cherry County

LID COMPUTATION FORM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

PRIOR YEAR RESTRICTED FUNDS AUTHORITY OPTION 1 OR OPTION 2

OPTION 1

Prior Year Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) from last year's Lid Computation Form	D1	42,244.87
		Option 1 - (1)

OPTION 2

Only use if a vote was taken at a townhall meeting last year to exceed Lid for one year

Line (1) of Prior Year Lid Computation Form	D2	-
		Option 2 - (A)
Allowable Percent Increase **Less** Vote Taken (Prior Year Lid Computation Form Line (6) - Line (5))	D3	- %
		Option 2 - (B)
Dollar Amount of Allowable Increase Excluding the vote taken (Line (A) times Line (B))	D4	-
		Option 2 - (C)
Calculated Prior Year Restricted Funds Authority (Line (A) Plus Line (C)) =	D5	-
		Option 2 - (1)

CURRENT YEAR ALLOWABLE INCREASES

1 **BASE LIMITATION PERCENT INCREASE (2.5%)** — D6: 2.50 % (2)

2 **ALLOWABLE GROWTH PER THE ASSESSOR MINUS 2.5%** — D7: - % (3)

619,784.00	/	549,770,708.00	=	0.11 %
2025 Growth per Assessor		2024 Valuation		Multiply times 100 To get %

3 **ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT BOARD APPROVED INCREASE** — D8: - % (4)

	/		=	- %
# of Board Members voting "Yes" for Increase		Total # of Members in Governing Body at Meeting		Must be at least .75 (75%) of the Governing Body

ATTACH A COPY OF THE BOARD MINUTES APPROVING THE INCREASE.

4 **SPECIAL ELECTION/TOWNHALL MEETING - VOTER APPROVED % INCREASE** — D9: - % (5)

Please Attach Ballot Sample and Election Results OR Record of Action From Townhall Meeting

TOTAL ALLOWABLE PERCENT INCREASE = Line (2) + Line (3) + Line (4) + Line (5)	D10	2.50 % (6)
Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Restricted Funds = Line (1) x Line (6)	D11	1,056.12 (7)
Total Restricted Funds Authority = Line (1) + Line (7)	D12	43,300.99 (8)
Less: Restricted Funds from Lid Supporting Schedule	D13	40,151.00 (9)
Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) - Line (9)	D14	3,149.99 (10)

LINE (10) MUST BE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO ZERO OR YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE LID LAW.

The amount of Unused Restricted Funds Authority on Line (10) must be published in the Notice of Budget Hearing.

Thedford Rural Fire Protection District in Thomas/Cherry County

2025-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LID EXEMPTIONS

Description of Capital Improvement	Amount Budgeted

Total - Must agree to Line 10 on Lid Support Page 4	$ -

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS
REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Thedford Rural Fire Protection District **Thomas/Cherry County**

SUBDIVISION NAME COUNTY

Parties to Agreement (Column 1)	Agreement Period (Column 2)	Description (Column 3)	Amount Used as Lid Exemption (Column 4)
		From Page 2	$ -

Total Amount used as Lid Exemption $ -

REPORT OF TRADE NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES, BUSINESS NAMES
REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Thedford Rural Fire Protection District	**Thomas/Cherry County**
SUBDIVISION NAME	COUNTY

List all Trade Names, Corporate Names and Business Names under which the political subdivision conducted business.

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND ALLOWABLE GROWTH VALUE

{format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts and (e) community colleges.}

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

THEDFORD FIRE DISTRICT

TO: **PO BOX 161**
THEDFORD, NE 69161

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: CHERRY

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
THEDFORD FIRE	Fire-District	258,104	224,662,581

* *Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.*

I MELISSA BANCROFT, CHERRY County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-509 and 13-518.

Melissa Bancroft
(signature of county assessor)

8/14/25
(date)

CHERRY COUNTY COUNTY ASSESSOR SEAL NEBRASKA

CC: County Clerk, CHERRY County
CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if different county, THOMAS County

Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document.

Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment Division (July 2025)

Assessor's Use Only

4,613,338 Pers Prior
4,889,842 Pers Value

199,850,382 Real Prior
219,772,739 Real Value

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND ALLOWABLE GROWTH VALUE

*{format for all political subdivisions **other than** (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts and (e) community colleges.}*

TAX YEAR 2025

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

THEDFORD RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

TO: **PO BOX 161**
THEDFORD NE 69166

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: THOMAS

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
THEDFORD FIRE	Fire-District	361,680	336,850,589

* *Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.*

I **LORISSA HARTMAN**, **THOMAS** County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-509 and 13-518.

Lorissa Hartman
(signature of county assessor)

COUNTY ASSESSOR Seal THOMAS COUNTY, NE

Aug 13, 2025
(date)

CC: County Clerk, **THOMAS** County
CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if different county, _____ County

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Assessor's Use Only

22,812,084 Pers Prior	322,494,904 Real Prior
20,148,679 Pers Value	316,701,910 Real Value

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September 4, 2025

Kendra L Cutler

Subscribed to in my presence and
Sworn to before me this
11th day of September, 2025

Marcia R. Hora

Notary Public

Publication Fee $ 124.00

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
MARCIA R. HORA
My Comm. Exp. February 18, 2026

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Thedford Rural Fire Protection District
IN
Thomas/Cherry County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 9th day of September 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at Fire Hall for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$	273,348.39
2024-2025 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$	437,620.13
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$	252,150.00
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	$	62,308.24
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	$	314,458.24
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$	85,000.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$	3,149.99
Breakdown of Property Tax:		
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$	40,000.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$	45,000.00

PUBLISH: SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 ZNEZ

AGENDA

THEDFORD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BUDGET HEARING/REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

THEDFORD FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Budget Hearing Advertised in the September 4, 2025, edition of the Thomas County Herald. Regular Meeting Advertised in Thomas County Herald on 9/4/25.
4. Nebraska Open Meetings Act. This meeting of the Thedford Rural Fire Protection District has been properly advertised and is being conducted under the guidelines of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act. A copy of the Open Meeting Act is posted on the West Wall of the meeting room. Copies of the open Meetings Act Statutes are available to anyone attending the meeting.
5. Open Budget Hearing
   Review/Discuss 2025/2026 Budget
6. Close Budget Hearing
7. Approve Budget/Property Tax Request
8. Approve Budget Document as Audit Waiver
9. Review/Approve minutes of August 12, 2025
10. Review/Approve 9/9/25 Treasurer's Report and bills
11. Old Business
    a. Old Ambulance – discussion/action
12. New Business
    A. MFO Application
13. EMS Report
14. TVFD Report
15. Insurance Roster Changes/Discussion – remove Loren Eaton from Roster, remove Clinton Albertus?
16. Correspondence
17. Visitor's Comments
18. Executive Session (if needed)
19. Next Meeting October14, 2025
20. Adjourn Meeting

THEDFORD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BUDGET HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
THEDFORD FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Thedford Fire Hall. Board members present were Roger Licking, Bert Wilde, and Jay Jones, Orrin Schaeffer, and Riley Licking. Guests in attendance were Brenda Corbin, Wade Neben, Caden Jameson, and Pat Neben. All those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted that the Budget Hearing was advertised in the September 4, 2025, edition of the Thomas County Herald. It was also noted that the regular meeting of the Thedford Rural Fire Protection District has been properly advertised in the Thomas County Herald newspaper on September 4, 2025.

Chairman Jones noted that these meetings are being conducted under the guidelines of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act. A copy of the Open Meeting Act is posted on the west wall of the meeting room. Copies of the open Meetings Act Statutes are available to anyone attending the meeting.

Chairman Jones welcomed the new board member, Riley Licking, who replaces departing board member, Terry Higgins.

Chairman Jones closed the regular meeting of the Thedford Rural Fire Protection District at 7:03 p.m.

The Thedford Rural Fire Protection District **Budget Meeting** was then opened by Chairman Jones at 7:04 p.m. Chairman Jones read the Budget Message and stated that the hearing would stay open until 7:15 p.m.

1. Discussion on budget – there was an explanation to new board member, Riley Lickey of bond reserve.

There being no more questions or discussion presented regarding budget, Chairman Jones closed the budget meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The regular board meeting of the Thedford Rural Fire Protection District was reopened at 7:16 p.m. by Chairman Jones.

Request for motion from Chairman Jones to approve the Budget/Tax Property Request: Roger Licking made the motion, Schaeffer seconded to approve the budget/tax property request. RCV: Roger Licking – aye, Schaeffer – aye, Wilde – aye, Riley Licking – aye, Jones – aye.

Request for motion from Chairman Jones to approve the Budget Document as the Audit Waver: Schaeffer made the motion, Wilde seconded to approve the budget document as the Audit Waver. RCV: Schaeffer – aye, Wilde – aye, Roger Licking – aye, Riley Licking – aye, Jones – aye.

Review/Approve minutes of August 12, 2025: Chairman Jones asked for additions or corrections to the August 12th minutes. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

Review/Approve September 9, 2025 Treasurer's Report and Bills: Neben presented the current bills and Treasurer's Report for all of the Thedford Rural Fire Board accounts. Wilde made the motion, Roger Licking seconded to pay the bills and approve the Treasurer's Report. RCV vote – Wilde – aye, Roger Licking – aye, Schaeffer – aye, Riley Licking – aye, Jones – aye.

Old Business

a. Old Ambulance – discussion/action – ambulance is ready to have the box removed by Roy Licking. Jones instructed Wade Neben to go ahead and work with Roy to get it out to his place and start the removal.

New Business

a. MFO Application- Schaeffer reported that the MFO application is due by September 20th, and he will get that taken care of.
b. Discussion on $10,000 CD for equipment upgrade. Funds will come in through taxes over the year and the board will plan to move the funds at the end of the Fiscal Year to a CD.

EMS Report - Acting Captain Brenda Corbin gave EMS Report (see attached)

TVFD Report- Fire report was presented by Captain Wade Neben (see attached) Corbin gave Fire Department Treasurer's report

Insurance Roster Changes/Discussion – Remove Loren Eaton and Clinton Albertus from roster. Schaeffer will contact Arnold Insurance.

Correspondence - none

Visitor's Comments - none

Executive Session (if needed) - none

Next Meeting: October 14, 2025

Adjourn Meeting: Chairman Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Neben (acting bookkeeper/recorder for the Thedford Rural Fire Protection District Meetings).

EMT Report:
September 9, 2025
As of September 3, I was nominated as acting Captain until we can get an election date set. We are in the process of getting all contact information switched, and legal paperwork done. Will have to contact Loren or Shirley to get all the passwords for each website, and accounts connected to our EMT squad.
I had contacted our medical director, Todd Jensen, and asked him about the drugs we had with ALS. He said to go ahead and contact the pharmacy at the hospital. They would more than likely buy the drugs. But, before I do contact them I want to have the form done that goes along with the passing of the drugs.
Billing with Elite is something I will have to get with Shirley, so she can show me how to do this. I am not on Elite admin so I can't get in to see where we are at for YTD calls
Flat Rock Conference is September 19-21st. With our sponsorship of $500.00 we can send three of our EMTs there for free. I do think we have 2 or 3 going this year. Shirley, Cheryl and maybe April.
I had also purchased a plaque for Loren for his years of service in our department. I will go and present this plaque either Saturday or Sunday at Flat Rock

Acting Captain
Brenda Corbin

Fire Chiefs report for the month of August

1. Working on 50/50 grant for gear replacement. Federal grant to fund half of the gear we buy to replace outdated structure gear.
2. The department voted pay for the New used radio we had to replace in #49 tanker. $1380.00 out of the department account.
3. Wade is checking on prices for popup canopy's and 4 lawn chairs for stand by events and race day.
4. Caden is working on make sure all members with Structure entry training have accountability tags for proper structure entry procedure.
5. Kevin and Robert will be doing Fire Protection week presentation at the grade school; with the kids October 5th-11th.
6. 21 is in need of cabin filter change getting that done.
7. We discussed letting a few State Patrol officers use the fire hall if and when needed for late night shift bath room breaks and lunch area if and when needed. If we can't trust the State P who came we trust. (Neben requested the board's approval to allow local State Patrol officers to use the Fire Hall as a place to eat lunch and take short breaks. The board agreed that this would be a positive gesture of support and partnership with local law enforcement.)
8. We will be ordering one new siren control and one new siren to have on hand if needed for any unit.

August calls

1. Smoke alarm call at the daycare center.

Important dates this month

Board meeting - September 9th
Next Fire Business meeting October 2nd
Fire prevention week October 5th -11th

MINUTES
THEDFORD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
June 10, 2025
THEDFORD FIRE HALL MEETING ROOM

Chairman Jay Jones called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with all standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members in attendance were Jay Jones, Bert Wilde, and Roger Licking. Visitors were Wade Neben, Shirley Hanna, Pat Neben, Jemma DeNaeyer, Dan DeNaeyer, Caden Jameson, Miles Maseberg, and Jo Bob Atkins.

Chairman Jones stated that this meeting of the Thedford Rural Fire Protection District has been properly advertised and is being conducted under the guidelines of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act. A copy of the Open Meeting Act is posted on the West Wall of the meeting room. Copies of the open Meetings Act Statutes are available to anyone attending the meeting.

Motion to excuse board members Orrin Schaeffer and Terry Higgins. Jones made the motion, Wilde seconded to excuse absent board members. Roll Call Vote: Jones – aye, Wilde – aye, Licking – aye.

Minutes – Review of May 13th meeting minutes with corrections - typo of the word April under the review of the minutes and misspelling of Jones at the adjournment of the meeting. Minutes stand approved as read and corrected.

Treasurer's Report – Pat Neben presented the bills and the Treasurer's Report. Neben did report one change on the bills on the MFO account. The check for Caden Jameson for reimbursement of supplies was listed as $180.09, but when he presented his invoices, it was discovered that he had not included the taxes that he had to pay. Actual reimbursement was $191.47, which made the balance of the MFO account as of June 10th - $2,059.14. Licking made the motion to pay the bills and approve the Treasurer's report. Wilde seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Licking – Aye, Wilde – Aye, Jones – Aye.

Old Business - none

New Business

a. Door Locks – the batteries have been changed numerous times on the east door of the front entry way but the lock is still not working properly. It was decided that we need to just get new locks for all of the doors to secure the building. Jones made the motion to go ahead and get locks from Thedford Lumber. Licking seconded. Roll Call Vote: Jones – aye, Licking – aye, Wilde – aye. Wade will talk to Dave about what would be good locks and get them ordered.
b. Jo Bob Atkins explained a little bit of the reason that the skids were not covered by insurance for their damage. He presented the current property insurance policy and roster to the group. Discussion on values of vehicles and a few changes were made.

EMS Report – Co-captain Hanna gave report in the absence of Captain Eaton. (see attached)

TVFD Report – Assistant Fire Chief DeNaeyer gave fire department's report in the absence of Fire Chief Spencer Burk. He gave an update on the Poker run plans. Discussion about what would be the best way to address the issue with the skids, since insurance will not be paying anything on repairs. It was decided that it would be best to just go ahead and purchase two new skids. Wilde made the motion, Licking seconded to the have the Fire Department get the skids ordered. Roll Call vote: Wilde – aye, Licking – aye, Jones – aye.

Insurance Roster Changes/Discussion – No changes on the insurance roster. With the most recent roster being supplied by Jo Bob this evening, it will be reviewed, and Arnold insurance will be notified of any corrections.

Correspondence - none

Visitor's Comments - none

Executive Session (if needed) - none

Next Meeting - August 12, 2025

There being no further discussion, Jones adjourned meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by acting bookkeeper, Pat Neben

June 2025 Rescue Report
Thedford Rural Fire Protection Board Meeting

New Ambulance update: Ambulance picked up in Snyder on June 4, 2025

Final report on Expenses and Income for Ambulance

National EMS Memorial: Travelling south to North Platte on Hwy 83 on June 9, 2025. Provided an escort from Brownlee Rd to Stapleton.

Standby

- July 25th - Fair Rodeo
- July 26th - Fair Bull Fight
- Aug 7th - Loup 2 Loup Race
- Aug 9th - SORC Race

Total calls CY 2025: 27
Total rescue calls for May: 12