Ester Volunteer Fire Department

Board of Directors Meeting

Aug 17, 2026

I Call to Order: 1816 hours. Carol Meyer, Karyn Holder, Syrilyn Tong (ST), Sarah Albers, Bill Rockwell and Ritchie Musick present.

II Public Comment – none

III Approval of July 13, 2026 Minutes – Approved by unanimous consent

IV Reports

A. Fund raising (Carol) – we received $3,450.40 from Lotto Alaska. This also included money from pull tabs, which was unexpected. This money will be deposited into the special Lotto Alaska account, to be used for operational expenses.

B. Annual meeting committee – Ritchie said she would like to have more at the Annual Meeting, as in the past. She had a list of topics, to include food and free giveways, and that the commissioners be specifically invited, among other things. Since Karyn is moving and will not be available for the annual meeting, Ritchie passed on her notes to VP Sarah. We also divvied up the following areas of responsibilities:

1) Agenda – Sarah
2) Door prizes – everyone (Ritchie – Water Wagon, Ursa Major, Gold Hill), (ST – Ester Gas), (Sarah – Dreamworks Cabinetry), (Carol – Firehouse Subs, Ace Hardware, earrings from Judy Gumm), (Rocky – the sled dog guy on the Old Nenana Highway, and Running Reindeer Ranch)
3) Donation letter – ST
4) Marketing – ST
5) Food – Ritchie – chili. ST and Sarah and maybe Carol – cornbread. Dessert – Karyn and ST (ice cream from Ester Gas).

V Old Business

A. New Board members – we only need 1 more board member as Karyn is leaving.
B. Chief's evaluation – we finalized the FY26 evaluation and decided on modifications for FY27. Sarah and Karyn will combine to put the finishing touches on the FY26 evaluation, and Sarah will present that and the proposed FY27 evaluation to Chief Conner.

VI New Business - none

VII Adjournment – 8:03 PM