

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

A meeting of the General Membership of the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 6 p.m., at the Denmark Fire Department, 451 N. Wall St., Denmark, WI.

Present: Kevin Tielens, Tyler Jonet, Eric Paulowski, Gregg Staszak, Joe Bertler, Randy Weytens, Dave Bielinski, John Pigeon, Greg Steenbock, Melissa Vande Wettering, Kevin Krueger, Todd Coolman, Jim Valley, Greg Dougherty (virtually)

ITEM #1. Adoption of Agenda.

A motion was made by Steenbock and seconded by Bertler to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried.**

ITEM #2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting.

A motion was made by Tielens and seconded by Jonet to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on March 15, 2022. **Motion carried.**

ITEM #3. Report of Task Force Activities.

Valley reported that the task force responded to two fires since the last meeting as follows:

2486 Maloney Road (residence/electrical)  
5542 Old Country Circle (garage/residence, undetermined)  
1855 Velp Ave. (Mobil station)(ATF investigating)  
985 North Broadway (apartment/accidental)  
Conesta Dr. (residence/accidental)  
Packer City Sales (business/pontoon boat stored inside failed)

Valley noted that the Sturgeon Bay Rd. fire where a male later died was initially labeled as a fatal but has been changed to a medical issue for cause of death.

ITEM #4. Information from Board of Directors Meeting.

Valley stated the smokehouse and generator were sold. There is over \$21,000 in the smokehouse account. This money will be used to purchase equipment for the task force as needed.

ITEM #5. Old Business.

Grant – Valley stated the Capital Credit Union grant for a Matterport and turnout gear was denied. The grant will open again in the fall, so the application will be resubmitted.

Equipment – More Gatorade is needed.

Truck Equipment – Valley stated he is holding off on buying equipment for the pickup truck until the end of the year, depending how much money is left in the budget.

Camera – Valley stated the Board decided to hold off on purchasing the Matterport.

ITEM #6. New Business.

Bylaws - Valley stated there were some revisions made to the bylaws concerning task force member titles and qualifications.

ITEM #7. Juvenile Firesetter Business.

Cody Johnson left the juvenile firesetter program at Green Bay Metro Fire and will now be handled by Shauna there. Valley stated there will be a meeting for those interested in becoming involved in this program. Let him know if you are interested.

ITEM #8. Other Business.

Members who attended the spring conference stated it was good.

Eric Johnson has retired.

James Ambrosius pled in federal court to three arsons regarding the Dedicated Repair and a couple barn fires and was sentenced to 15 years.

ITEM #9. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting.

The next meeting is set for September 20, 2022, at 6 p.m., at Suamico Fire Station #1, 3270 W. Deerfield Ave., Suamico, WI.

ITEM #10. Training.

At approximately 6:40 p.m., a motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Coolman to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Mike Jansen of the Brown/Outagamie County EOD (bomb) team then gave a presentation on the tools they have that the task force could use for fire investigations.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent  
Recording Secretary