

# Northwest Arkansas Metropolitan Chiefs Meeting

## Nov. 16 2024 – Beaver Lake FD

### Standing Items of Business:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Attendance: DeMotte, Watts, Hoyer, Qualls, Chapell, Melnicki, Baggett, Holt, Vaughn, Hardin, Shinn, Jenkins, Luther, Wood, Simms, Stewart, Earley, Lieutard, Criner, Hellard, Vanatta, Kuykendall
3. Motion to approve minutes from the October 2023 meeting – APPROVED, PASSED UNANIMOUS
4. Financial report (current balance \$123,346.89) - APPROVED, PASSED UNANIMOUS

### New Business:

1. Budget Development 2024 budget proposal: Tom Jenkins.  
Motion to approve: John Luther Second: Stewart PASSED UNANIMOUS
2. Investment Update: Tom Jenkins  
Discussion: At this time, it would not be beneficial to use an outside firm to invest funds. The funds should be invested in the future with the approval of the Executive Committee.  
NO ACTION
3. Earphone Purchase: Brad Hardin  
Earphones are required for NTN Testing. Metro Chiefs will purchase for testing site.  
NO OJECTIONS NOTED.

### Old Business:

1. RMAC Update:  
RMAC has been going well. No issues identified. A stipend will be issued in December.  
Discussion on procedure for distributing stipend. NO ACTION NEEDED.
2. Fire District Research:  
Discussion on continued research into the Fire District. Tualatin Valley was identified as a possible location, but the group is open to other locations. The trip will take place in the spring of 2024. The trip will follow the same general guidelines as the previous trip.  
Motion to approve funds not to exceed \$10,000 for expenses related to the trip: Tom Jenkins Second: Bill Hellard PASSED UNANIMOUS

### Committee Reports:

1. NWA Training Officers Report  
Spring Rookie School to be held in Rogers.  
Tentative list of AFA course that will be hosted in NWA sent to Training Officers  
Springdale hosting fourth quarter haz-mat drill Dec. 1st.
2. NWA Fire Marshals Report  
No Report provided.
3. NWA Operations Chiefs Report  
Attendance at meetings has been strong.
4. NWA EMS Officers Report  
The new Regional Protocols should be complete in December.

**Other Business:** Washinton County has transitioned to AWIN Radio System. Contact John Luther if you need the template or have questions.