

Minutes of South Alburgh Fire District #2 Special Meeting May 4, 2026

Members Attending: John FitzGerald, Alton Bruso, Kathy Rochedieu, Rod Will, Charlie Mackin, John Chesarek

Public: Chuck Goodling

The meeting was called to order at 4pm by chairman John FitzGerald.

Chuck Goodling from our engineering firm, Dubois & King, was present to review the current financial status of the Phase 2 project. Although we receive an accounting from the state with each construction bill and payment, other costs are being incurred which may require more funding. Three change orders in the works currently include money for the Point of Tongue Road, the petroleum contamination pipe replacement, and sleeves to shield the pipe from septic systems on Poor Farm Road. In addition, significant cost overruns have occurred for unanticipated flagging, direct drilling, and rock removal. He estimates we may need 2.2 million to finish the project but have only 1.7 million remaining in funding. A discussion ensued regarding our ability to get further funding from the state bond bank. Kathy and John felt that the state did have monies available but were uncertain of our chances of getting them. Rod wondered about the completion date of the project and asked if there was a penalty to Dirt Tech if they did not finish the project on time. Chuck explained that the penalty basically paid for the engineering needed beyond the contract completion date. He felt the project would finish within the 420 period. He said there would probably be a change order to account for the winter stoppage days and the days from the initial one day start to cut trees only to the actual construction start, about 20 days. John C. asked if the interest on the loan from Union Bank would be reimbursable. Kathy indicated it would not. The meters for connections and reader supplies would be reimbursable by the state funds.

John F. announced that the board was invited to meet with Cindy Parks, the state engineer, and other state officials on Friday to discuss service connection regulations. He suggested a special SAFD2 board meeting afterward to finalize a connection packet for new Phase 2 hookups. John C. will warn the meeting for May 8 at 12 noon at the municipal office.

John F. made a motion to contact Eli, our bond lawyer, to ask the debt capacity remaining on our original bond. Kathy seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Chesarek, Clerk