

## Minutes For RFD1 Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2026 Time: 7:00

Location: Red School house at Randolph Center

Members present: Meredith LaLumia, Cesar Trigos, Shannon Trigos, Dana Dean, Dan LaLumia.

Community Members present: John Lens, Dave Farnham, Diana Farnham, Alex Trigos, and George Daniels.

Meeting opened at 7:02 PM

- A correction was made by Meredith LaLumia regarding the executive session agenda for voting upon the purchase of the telemetry system. Additional information is needed to make an informed decision. This item will be revisited at a different time.
- Updates before proceeding include Dave Farnham's resignation as engineer and PRUCOM member, and Diana Farnham's resignation as PRUCOM member via a phone conversation with Meredith LaLumia in January 2026. Dana Dean has agreed to temporarily fill the position as PRUCOM member until the position is filled permanently.

### Old Business

1. Approve prior meeting minutes.

- Meredith LaLumia states four small typos need to be amended on the previous notes from November 20, 2025. Shannon Trigos will make those corrections.
- Dana Dean made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 20, 2025, and Meredith LaLumia seconds the motion.

2. Treasurer's Report presented by Dan LaLumia.

a. Account Balances:

- Checking: \$61452.81 (primary account to receive deposits and pay bills, no interest accrues on this account).
- RFD1 Savings: (AKA Operating Reserve): \$50,090.24 (approx \$2.00 interest each month).

- RFD1 Business Checking: (AKA Capital Reserve): \$5,871.00 (no interest accrues).
- CD #5915 and CD #5907: \$54,398.76 each (6 month term, auto renew, rate 4.025%, approx. \$180 interest per month auto-reinvested).
- Total of Accounts: \$226,211.57.

b. Income:

- All customers have paid their invoice balances from November 30, 2025 quarterly billing cycle with one exception.
- There are no delinquent balances that require disconnection action at this time.

c. Expenses:

- P2 Environmental: Normally \$500/mo, we paid \$1130.00 in January for monthly pumphouse visit, parts, and testing.
- PACIF (VLCT quarterly insurance payment): \$410.00.
- Green Mountain Pwr: Approximately \$120.00 each month drafted directly from our account.
- Endyne Water Testing: \$20.00-\$50.00 depending upon test.
- Extra Chlorine Testing Kit plus additional reagent packets \$200.00.

Dana Dean made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Meredith LaLumia seconded the motion.

3. Engineer's Report presented by Meredith LaLumia.

Devin Currier (Civil Engineer) will fill in short term with the biweekly pumphouse visits and send the data to Meredith LaLumia. Devin Currier is a very experienced Civil Engineer with significant experience in water systems.

a. General Conditions:

- Chlorine was added to the water by VSU.
- Chlorine levels were tested at Dave and Diana Farnham's house. It was discovered that a replacement part and maintenance in the VSU section of the water system increased the chlorine level to (0.3) temporarily.
- The chlorine level has returned to normal level (0.2-0.3).

- The chlorine checks have been made at Schrode's residence.
- Additional test kit purchased for Bill DeFlorio's residence.
- Scott Beavers has been very helpful answering our questions in the wake of the Engineer resignation.
- All equipment previously at the Farnham residence has been returned to the pump house.

Dana Dean moved to approve the engineers report. Meredith LaLumia seconded the motion.

#### New Business

1. Meter readings for the end of February will be taken by Dan LaLumia and Meredith LaLumia.

- Cesar Trigos cannot commit to meter reading at this point due to long hours at work.

2. Discussion of purchase/installation of remote telemetry system with chlorine analyzer.

- First telemetry system quote was erroneous due to an assumption an analyzer already existed.

- Telemetry system installation locations require further research.

- Dan LaLumia talked with Scott Beavers (P2) about the remote

telemetry system eliminating the need for daily testing. Collected data includes real time chlorine levels, pump activity, flow rates, and more.

- John Lens made a recommendation to hire a small engineering system (Dufresne Group) to help with this.

- George Daniels brought up the point that the State of Vermont mandates testing at the first or second location, yet individuals at these locations have the right to decline testing.

The question was asked: what is the support or compensation from the State when this happens? How do we enforce testing within the district?

- Grant funding was discussed, though it is an arduous process. Volunteerism is in decline throughout the District.

3. Committee members made the decision to pay George Daniel to keep the path to the pumphouse and equipment shed plowed.

- Dana Dean made a motion to pay George Daniels \$100.00 back payment for the work with plowing and to pay \$50.00 for each subsequent snowstorm.

4. Search for a new Engineer and an additional PRUCOM member.

- Andrew Rogstad has shown interest in participating to a small degree.

- The committee is in search of a new engineer to fill the position.

- There was a discussion regarding the possibility of utilizing internships and scholarships through VSU to fill the position sometime in the future.

5. Discuss plan to cover bimonthly pumphouse visits.

- Devin Currier will cover the pumphouse visits until a new Engineer is identified.

6. Open Meeting Laws

- George Daniels brought up concerns about being in violation of open meeting policy regarding the sidewalk discussion that took place between the three PRUCOM members via telephone.

- Dave Farnham stated that the charter indicates the PRUCOM has oversight with the sidewalks and walkways, including removing items and to close it down if necessary.

- Dan LaLumia reminded folks present that not everything has to be an open meeting according to the charter. PRUCOM members are empowered to meet alone regarding certain issues. Discussion took place as to how to improve communication with the community about upcoming meetings.

- Meredith LaLumia indicated two out of three PRUCOM members had an issue with the sidewalk. Letters were drafted to specific community members regarding the need to remove items blocking the sidewalk. A phone meeting with the three PRUCOM members (Dave Farnham, Diana Farnham, and Meredith LaLumia) took place on December 6, 2025. It was decided to deliver letters regarding removal of items blocking the sidewalk. Upon vote, two PRUCOM members voted for the sidewalk to be shut down due to items blocking it. A vote against this motion from the chair of the board, Meredith LaLumia, caused the resignation of Dave Farnham and Diana Farnham, leaving the issue unresolved.

- John Lens suggested sending out the agenda for the upcoming meeting with the quarterly invoices to give people ample time to review said agenda and attend the meeting.

7. Dave Farnham brought up the discussion in May 2025 that the treasurer be “bonded.” Dana Dean recalled the conversation and Dan LaLumia stated he would look into it.

According to the Charter, bonding of the Treasurer and Bill/Tax Collector is at the discretion of the PRUCOM.

Meredith LaLumia made a motion to adjourn and Dana Dean seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Shannon Trigos, Randolph Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

Next Meeting: May 21, 2026, 7:00 pm, Red School House, Randolph Center, VT.