

The Rush Fire District was formed in the summer of 1927. On August 5, 1927, the first election of commissioners took place. Fred Stevens, George Hetzer, and George Luedemann were elected and Ernest Dell was elected as treasurer. Much discussion took place at the Fire Department meetings in the months immediately prior to the election on the topic of the best methods to establish a Fire District so that improved equipment, apparatus and housing could be obtained.

One of the first commissioner meetings was held at the local barber shop. There was no suitable space in the Barn that served as a Firehouse. During the 1930's only two or three meetings were held each year. The annual operating budget was between \$ 1,200 and \$ 1,600. The \$ 185,000 budget for 1995 stands in sharp contrast to those Depression years' budgets.

On December 3, 1933, a Fire District election was held to elect five commissioners in place of three originally required. Elected were commissioners George Hetzer, Fred Stevens, George Lonhair, Edward Maloney, and Clay Fishell. Ernest Dell was re-elected to the office of Treasurer. Annual elections were held to elect one commissioner per year to a five year term.



Left to Right; Harry Fletcher, Ernest Dell, George Hetzer, and Clayton Fishell

Updated budget information for 2015 \$ 338,000 Fire District Budget.