

December 17, 2024

It is with great regret and shame that I take responsibility and admit guilt for the repeated misuse of the Ripon Fire District's credit card. From 2016 to 2022, while I was Chief of the Ripon Fire District, I charged over \$30,000.00 to the District's credit card. I regret those terrible choices, however, I never submitted any of those bills to be paid by taxpayer dollars. Every single credit card balance was paid off with my own money.

As Chief, I had financial duties and responsibilities. I had access to the District's credit card and was to use it for District business. I breached that responsibility by taking advantage of the District's line of credit. I did not inform the District of this personal use, nor did I present the credit card statements to the District.

I acknowledge that by using the credit card to help myself out of my own financial struggles, and by keeping this information from the District, I created an environment that could have put the public and The District at risk.

I am deeply sorry for betraying the public that trusted me as its Chief. I am equally sorry to the District for the hardship and problems it endured by rightfully investigating my wrongdoings.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy Saul". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Timothy Saul