

BLACKMAN FIRE DISTRICT MEETING

DATE: 5 January 2023

REGULARLY SCHEDULED

EMERGENCY

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairperson Larry Cunningham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Wade Merritt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Commissioner Sec/Tres Jim Lawson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Commissioner Steve Lawson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Commissioner Stephen Fountain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Welcome/Call Meeting to Order
Pledge of Allegance

Minutes from 13 December 2022 were read and approved
Financial report from December 2022 was read and approved

Chiefs Report
9 Medical and 1 Brushfire for a total of 10 calls for December 2022. 140 runs total for 2022.

The grant request for a new fire engine has been turned down. Will apply again when grant time frame opens again.

Leary grant is complete. A video of the equipment being used will be sent to Leary foundation for their advertisement .

As of now we have not been notified of any money being sent to the district from Okaloosa County tax collector. Commissioner Lawson is working on this issue.

Two members were voted off due to lack of time and availability to serve the district.

A vote was taken as required by the department by laws to elect or appoint officers for Chairperson, secretary and treasure for 2023. Larry Cunningham to remain as chair, James Lawson as secretary/treasure, Wade Merritt will be equipment person, Stephen Fountain vehicle maintenance and Steve Lawson Building facilities.

Commissioner Lawson requested Miranda Sargent be trained in the secretarial and financial aspects of the department should Commissioner become unavailable due to extenuating circumstances. Motion was approved.

A motion was made to spend up to \$300 to purchase LED light tubes for exiting light fixtures. Motion approved.

Commissioner Steve Lawson proposed a clean up party be held to clean up the building and grounds. Said party was schedule for thee first Saturday in March 22 which is the 4th of March at 0800.

Everyone was reminded once again that it is necessary to turn receipts in so expenditures can be properly accounted for.

A meeting was scheduled for the 12th of January 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to interview those interested in becoming fire chief for the department. This meeting will be advertised no less than 48 hours prior to as per by laws.

The water rescue equipment is functional at this time and can be used as needed. Any and all expenses are to be reimbursed by Okaloosa County.

Commissioner Steve Lawson suggested the fire fighters be provided with one nice shirt, one pair of slacks and one pair of nice shoes to be used for special occasions. Prices will be obtained for these items.

The ham sale produced \$1512.13 from the Christmas ham sale. A ham sale was approved for Easter of 2023.

It was suggested that a car show be held for a fund raising project. A decision will be made and presented at the February 2023 meeting.

Dismissed at: 8:15 p.m.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING 2 February 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved and accepted as read this date _____

Larry Cunningham Chairperson _____

James Lawson, Secretary _____