

BLACKMAN FIRE DISTRICT MEETING

DATE: 2 February 2023

REGULARLY SCHEDULED

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

EMERGENCY

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 5 January 2023 were read and approved

Financial report from 5 January 2023 was approved

Chiefs Report

5 Medical and 1 Brush fire, 1 Down Power line and 1 MVA for a total of 8 calls for January 2023.

Ms. Ashley Baily with the Okaloosa County Sheriffs office presented the SAFE program. This program will allow, children or adults, with some type of mental or physical impairment to register in this program. A sticker will be provided at the residence and when an emergency call is made to a registered home, more information will be provided to the first responders as they respond. This will allow the responders to be more prepared for arrival on scene.

Craig Coffey with Okaloosa County Facilities update those present on the radio tower that is to be installed on BFD property. A clause in the agreement by the Clay family stating the property used by the fire department will revert back to the Clay family should the fire department dissolve. Okaloosa County paid \$40,000.00 for removal of the reverter clause and now the county basically owns the property that FD sets on. This allows the county to proceed with the installation of a tower and equipment to enhance radio signals in this end of the county.

Greg Watts of G & G Associates, A fund raising firm, presented a program whereby Mr. Watts travels the district, contacting the residents offering family or individual photo packages. The department will receive 50 percent of sales.

The members present were read the minutes of the 12 January 2023 meeting outlining the outcome of the workshop meeting whereby a fire chief was selected. Duane Melanson was selected based on the fact he had more fire training. He is to be evaluated in 90 days and then again in 6 months.

Randall Hatfield, gave a verbal resignation to Lt. Miranda Sargent and left the assistant chief vehicle at Mariah Kelly’s home. Concern from BFD board of commissioners about him being duedled enrolled with Almarante FD was a great concern and he made his decision to resign on that basis.

The 50/50 grant for 2022 paperwork has been turned in to the Forestry Department. The latest from Mr. Crawford who is point of contact, stated the finance department would proceed with processing payment without an updated request for payment form.

Dismissed at 9:15p.m.

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

These minutes were approved and accepted as read this date _____

Larry Cunningham Chairperson _____

James Lawson, Secretary _____