

BLACKMAN FIRE DISTRICT MEETING

DATE: 14 August 2025

(X) REGULARLY SCHEDULED

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

() EMERGENCY

() WORKSHOP

ROLL CALL

	PRESENT
Commissioner Steve Lawson	(x) Yes () No
Chairperson Larry Cunningham	(x) Yes () No
Commissioner Holley Cook	() Yes () No
Commissioner Wade Merritt	(x) Yes () No
Commissioner Ronnie Miller	(x) Yes () No

Welcome/Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1) Discussion and Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 12 , 2025. (Wade Merritt)

Motion: Steve Lawson

2nd: Ronnie Miller

Passed

- 2) Discussion and Approval of the Financial Report from July 31 , 2025. (Wade Merritt)
(see Attachment 2,2a)

Cash

• Unrestricted Cash	
○ Petty Cash	\$ 180.85
○ General Checking	\$ 25,287.24
○ General Savings	<u>\$ 32,489.70</u>
○ Total Unrestricted Cash	\$ 57,957.79
• Restricted Cash	
○ Impact Fees	<u>\$ 1,722.38</u>
○ Total Restricted Cash	\$ 1,722.38
• Total Cash	\$ 59,680.17

Motion: Steve Lawson

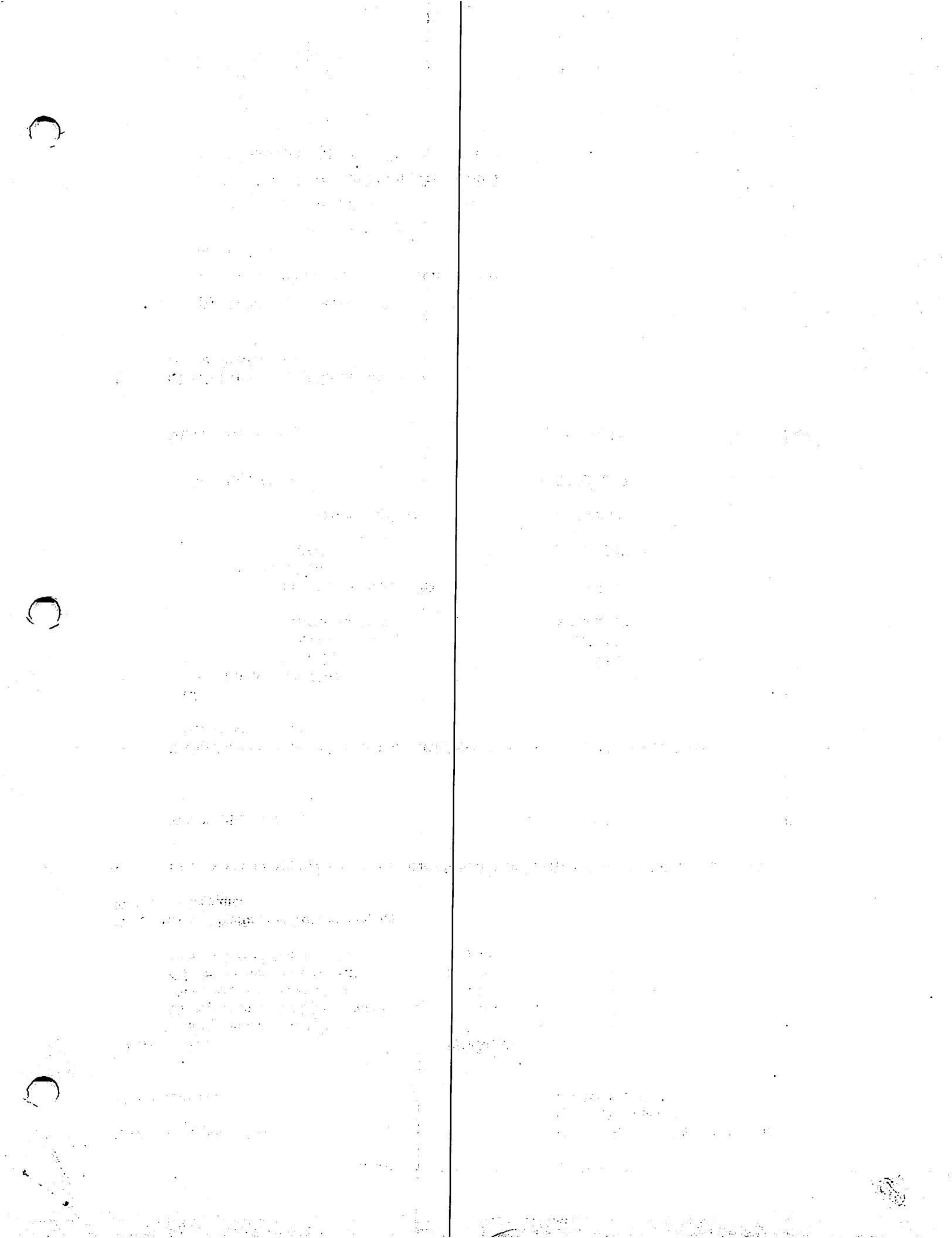
2nd: Ronnie Miller

Passed

- 3) Chief's Report (Chief Duane Melanson)
(See attached report)

Total Calls for Service = 25

- 18 - Medical Calls (1 Cancelled Enroute)
- 3 - Fires
 - 2 - Vehicle Fires
 - 1- Brush Fire
- 2 - Hazardous Condition (Tree Down)
- 2 - Rescue EMS Standby (Racetrack)



OLD BUSINESS

4) Station Generator (Wade Merritt)

Update on station generator placement along with propane tank and removal of forestry loaner generator.

Forestry is coming to get loaner generator. Wade Merritt will get the new generator from King Air and place it on the slab. If Prescott is not going to get the propane tank the department will arrange pickup.

5) 2009 Tahoe Sealed Bid (Wade Merritt)

Discussion needs to be had to extend the bid date due to the time it took to get the vehicle ready to sell. The original date passed before vehicles was ready.

2009 Tahoe Reserve price has been lowered to \$800.00. Sealed bids will be taken until the September 11, 2025 regular meeting at which time the bids will be opened.

Motion: [Steve Lawson](#)

2nd: [Ronnie Miller](#)

Passed

6) Retention Pond (Wade Merritt)

Discussion and update on the mowing of the retention pond on the west side of the property.

The county parks director was contacted in person and the pond cutting was discussed, waiting on feedback from the county as to whether or not they will cut the pond.

7) State Appropriations FY 2025 (Wade Merritt)

Update on status of 2025 EV apparatus.

Commissioner Merritt and Chief Melanson gave an update on the EV vehicle and it's status. A teams meeting with the lady with the state that will be helping with the grant process, was held and an update was given.

NEW BUSINESS

8) Holly Cook Resignation Letter (All)

(see attachment)

Discussion and acceptance of resignation letter submitted by Commissioner Holly Cook July 18, 2025

Accepted Resignation letter that was given on July 18, 2025.

Motion: [Steve Lawson](#)

2nd: [Ronnie Miller](#)

Passed

9) Discussion and Approval of FY 2026 Budget Workshop Meeting #1 Meeting Minutes (Wade Merritt)

Minutes were read. Brief discussion was had.

Motion: [Ronnie Miller](#)

2nd: [Steve Lawson](#)

Passed

10) State Appropriations FY 2026

Discuss items or projects to request for the upcoming 2026 Florida State Legislative session. Identify items or projects that will benefit the department and community.

Discussion was had, and it was agreed that the commission would ask for design funding to add on to the department. Commissioner Steve Lawson will look into finding companies to do the design and quote for construction.

Motion: [Ronnie Miller](#)

2nd: [Steve Lawson](#)

Passed

11) Set Fire Station Clean up Days

Discuss and approve two dates to clean the station.

One date was set for October 4, 2025 at 7:00 am.

Motion: [Wade Merritt](#)

2nd: [Ronnie Miller](#)

Passed

12) New Generator Wire (Chief Duane Melanson)

New purchase needed to upgrade wire for generator, amount requested is \$360.00. Wire purchase not to exceed \$360.00.

Discussion had, a dollar amount was set for purchase amount of \$360.00.

Motion: [Steve Lawson](#)

2nd: [Wade Merritt](#)

Passed

13) Vacant Commission Seat 3 (All)

Advertisement needed to fill Commission Seat 3, Seat is to be advertised for appointment and to be filled on September 11,2025.

Discussion on filling the seat was had and it was agreed that the board would advertise and try to appoint someone to the seat in the September regular meeting.

Motion: [Wade Merritt](#)

2nd: [Steve Lawson](#)

Passed

Upcoming Events

- 09/12/2025 - Blackman Community Potluck Dinner

PUBLIC COMMENT

Open the floor to public comment.

Discussion on a new ice machine was had.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of meeting at 8: 38 pm.

Motion: Wade Merritt

2nd: Steve Lawson

Passed

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING September 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved and accepted as read this date _____

Larry Cunningham, Chairman



or Other Authorized Board Member _____

