

BLACKMAN FIRE DISTRICT MEETING

DATE: 8 May 2025

(X) REGULARLY SCHEDULED
() EMERGENCY
() WORKSHOP

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	
Commissioner Steve Lawson	(X) Yes	() No
Chairperson Larry Cunningham	(X) Yes	() No
Commissioner Holley Cook	() Yes	(X) No
Vacant	() Yes	(X) No
Commissioner Ronnie Miller	(X) Yes	() No

Welcome/Call Meeting to Order at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

1) Discussion and Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2025.

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Ronnie Miller **Motion Passed**

2) Discussion and Approval of the Financial Report from April 30, 2025.

Cash

• Unrestricted Cash	
○ Petty Cash	\$ 179.89
○ General Checking	\$ 44,387.06
○ General Savings	<u>\$ 38,988.79</u>
○ Total Unrestricted Cash	\$ 83,555.74
• Restricted Cash	
○ Impact Fees	<u>\$ 4,366.38</u>
○ Total Restricted Cash	\$ 4,366.38
• Total Cash	\$ 87,922.12

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Ronnie Miller **Motion Passed**

3) Chief's Report (*See attached report*)

Total Calls for Service = 15

- 5 - Medical Calls (1 Cancelled Enroute)
- 3 - Brush Fire (1 Controlled Burn)
- 5 - Hazardous Conditions
 - 2 - Power lines down
 - 3 - Trees Down
- 2 - Rescue EMS Standby (Racetrack)

OLD BUSINESS

4) Station Generator

Discussion and approval on the purchase of the generator from King Air for \$12,000 + \$300 to set on pad only. **Generator is to be purchased from King Air for \$12,000.00. Blackman Fire District personnel will pick up the generator and set it on the slab.**

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Ronnie Miller **Motion Passed**

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NEW BUSINESS

5) Safety Committee Update

Discussion on the Safety Committee meeting held on April 29, 2025. Topics included repainting a sample area of the station bay for remarking flaking areas of slip resistance paint. Safety vests are good to go for now and available in apparatus.

Blackman Fire District personnel will paint an area that is in a conspicuous spot to test for drying and curing time.

6) Portrait Day

Discussion on the Portrait Day on May 17th. We will have a group portrait in front of the station with a truck and individual members will be getting their portraits done individually. These portraits will be used for station ID cards that need to be updated and reprinted. Make plans to come that day and pick a time for your individual portrait and the group photo.

Picture day was discussed along with what time to meet at the station for the station portrait.

7) New Membership/ Walk on Item

Chief Melanson requested Qia Richardson and Holly Merritt be voted in as Support staff.

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Ronnie Miller Motion Passed

8) New Appointment/ Walk on item

Wade Merritt requested to be reappointed to the board for seat 4. A brief discussion was had.

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Ronnie Miller Motion Passed

9) New meeting structure and room layout for future meetings./ Walk on Item

Discussion was had about the waste of paper during meetings, after much discussion and debate it was agreed that the meeting agenda will be posted on the TV and only one copy will be printed and given to the chairman for his signature. It was also decided that the meeting room would be rearranged so the chairman could see the TV during the meeting.

10) Open Floor Discussion

- A) Discussion of putting engine 71 in service.
- B) Discussion of having a sealed bid with a minimum bid to be not less than \$1000.00 for the on black command 70 suv. The July 2025 meeting was a discussed time to review the received bid

Upcoming Events

- 05/03/2025 - Blackman Community Center Breakfast Fundraiser
- 05/08/2025 - Blackman Fire District Business Meeting
- 05/09/2025 - Blackman Community Potluck Dinner
- 05/17/2025 - Blackman Portrait Day

PUBLIC COMMENT

Open the floor to public comment.

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of meeting at 7:39pm

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Ronnie Miller Motion Passed

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING June 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved and accepted as read this date 6/12/25

Larry Cunningham, Chairman

or Other Authorized Board Member



