

BLACKMAN FIRE DISTRICT MEETING

DATE: 2 November 2023

REGULARLY SCHEDULED

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

EMERGENCY

WORKSHOP

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairperson Larry Cunningham	(X) Yes	() No
Commissioner Wade Merritt	(X) Yes	() No
Commissioner Sec/Tres Jim Lawson	(X) Yes	() No
Commissioner Steve Lawson	(X) Yes	() No
Vacant	() Yes	() No

Welcome/Call Meeting to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion and Approval of the Meeting Minutes from 5 October 2023.

Motion: [Steve Lawson](#) 2nd: [Wade Merritt](#) **Motion Passed**

Discussion and Approval of the Financial Report from October 31, 2023.

Motion: [Steve Lawson](#) 2nd: [Wade Merritt](#) **Motion Passed**

Discussion and Approval of the End of Year Financials for FY 2023.

Motion: [Steve Lawson](#) 2nd: [Wade Merritt](#) **Motion Passed**

Chiefs Report

- **Total Calls for Service = 15**
 - **1 - Building Fire**
 - **2 - Brush Fires**
 - **8 - Medical**
 - **3 - Canceled**
 - **1 - Funeral Procession**

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on upcoming Ethics training being offered on December 13th as required by the state.

Discussion on Engine 70 still having throttle issues.

Board discussed replacing the throttle to see if that will solve the issue. Item was tabled pending quotes for the repair.

Discussion on accepting the MES quote to do air quality testing and service for our fill station.

Board discussed the air quality testing by MES and requested a separate quote for servicing the fill station. Item tabled pending additional quotes.

Discussion on the asset inventory progress. Dawn Paul has requested a listing of our current assets by November 30th. Wade Merritt advised the inventory will be ready very soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on changing the Capital Asset minimum amount to \$5,000 per the email from Dawn Paul and the state recommended amount.

The board discussed changing the Capital Asset amount from the current \$500 to the \$5,000 state recommended amount. Followup will be needed and a legal opinion on the issue and this item was tabled.

Motion: Jim Lawson 2nd: Steve Lawson Motion Passed (Seek Legal Opinion)

Discussion on authorizing a bank debit card for the Blackman Fire District General Checking account to Lt. Miranda Sargent for approved purchases and paying standard bills the department incurs.

The board discussed issuing a bank debit card to Lt. Miranda Sargent for purchases that are board approved and standard bills that need to be paid.

Motion: Wade Merritt 2nd: Steve Lawson Motion Passed

Christmas Smoked Ham Sale has begun and it will be advertised on our social media.

Discussion by the board to advertise the vacancy to the public in order to get applications to participate on the board.

The board discussed advertising the vacancy online for public participation.

Motion: Wade Merritt 2nd: Steve Lawson Motion Passed

Discussion on hot water heater issues. The board needs to evaluate the condition and age of the water heater and determine if a new one may need to be purchased.

The board discussed running the water for an extended period in order to see if that will alleviate the issues. Item will be tabled pending further evaluation.

Adjournment of meeting at **8:15pm**

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Wade Merritt Motion Passed

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

These minutes were approved and accepted as read this date 12/7/2023

Larry Cunningham, Chairperson Larry Cunningham

James Lawson, Secretary James L Lawson