

BLACKMAN FIRE DISTRICT MEETING

DATE: 4 April 2024

REGULARLY SCHEDULED

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

EMERGENCY

WORKSHOP

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairperson Larry Cunningham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Commissioner 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
Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Welcome/Call Meeting to Order at 7:00pm
Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion and Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from 7 March 2024.

Motion: Wade Merritt 2nd: Steve Lawson Motion Passed

Discussion and Approval of the Financial Report from March 31, 2024.

Cash

- **Unrestricted Cash**
 - **Petty Cash** \$ 263.19
 - **General Checking** \$ 55,499.15
 - **General Savings** \$ 41,503.45
 - **Total Unrestricted Cash** \$ 97,265.79
- **Restricted Cash**
 - **Impact Fees** \$ 9,564.96
 - **Total Restricted Cash** \$ 9,564.96
- **Total Cash** \$ 106,830.75

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Wade Merritt Motion Passed

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Report

- The Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Grant (50/50 Grant) #2 is being developed for additional equipment that is needed. We will be asking for a Combi tool and two stabilization jacks.
- The Firehouse Subs Foundation Grant was submitted on April 4th. We are asking them for a battery operated combi tool for our department. It will take approximately 3 months for a determination.

NEW BUSINESS

Chiefs Report (see attached)

- Total Calls for Service = 15
 - 2 - Structure Fire (Mutual Aid for Baker FD)
 - 2 - Wildland Fires (Controlled Burns)
 - 7 - Medical Emergencies
 - 2 - Hazardous Condition (Trees Down)
 - 2 - Rescue EMS Standby (Racing Events)

Board members discussed getting new quotes for fleet repairs that are needed.

Discussion and Approval of Budget Amendments and Transfers as required per audit findings.

Motion: Jim Lawson 2nd: Steve Lawson Motion Passed

Discussion and approval on applying for the HMGP Hurricane Idalia Tier III funding available to all counties in Florida. There is no guarantee of funding. We would like to submit for a new upgraded generator with an automatic transfer switch. The grant would fund Design, Procurement and Installation of the equipment.

Motion: Wade Merritt 2nd: Jim Lawson Motion Passed

Discussion and approval on raising the fire assessments the minimum allowed without going to a vote. This amount is 6.67% which is approximately \$7.00 on the normal \$104 residential amount currently being paid. Over a year that equates to just under 2 cents a day. Since 2009, social security income has seen cost of living increases of approximately 35% yet the fire district has not gone up.

Motion tabled pending additional research.

Discussion on a workshop to enact updated Administrative Policies and SOGs for the department based on Safety Inspection Compliance results and audit findings. **Board members discussed conducting a workshop on the Saturday following the next meeting. A date will be selected at the next meeting.**

Motion tabled pending next meeting.

Upcoming Events & Training

- o April Training Sessions will consist of Hazmat, PPE & Safety Operations to include:
 - Bloodborne Pathogens
 - Hazmat Operations and Identification
 - Safety Equipment
 - Protective Clothing and Supplies

PUBLIC COMMENT

Open the floor to public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of meeting at **8:13pm**

Motion: Jim Lawson 2nd: Wade Merritt Motion Passed

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING May 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved and accepted as read this date 2 May 2024

Larry Cunningham, Chairperson _____

James Lawson, Secretary James L Lawson or

Other Authorized Board Member Larry Cunningham