

**BLACKMAN FIRE DISTRICT MEETING**

DATE: 11 July 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 June 13, 2024.

Motion: [Jim Lawson](#) 2<sup>nd</sup>: [Wade Merritt](#) **Motion Passed**

Discussion and Approval of the Financial Report from June 30, 2024.

**Cash**

- **Unrestricted Cash**
  - Petty Cash \$ 263.19
  - General Checking \$ 40,499.41
  - General Savings \$ 42,504.15
  - Total Unrestricted Cash \$ 83,266.75
- **Restricted Cash**
  - Impact Fees \$ 10,102.56
  - Total Restricted Cash \$ 10,102.56
- **Total Cash** \$ 93,369.31

Motion: [Wade Merritt](#) 2<sup>nd</sup>: [Jim Lawson](#) **Motion Passed**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Grant Report**

- The Firehouse Subs Foundation Grant will be notifying departments on awards by the end of this month.
- The Decon Grant development is underway for the exhaust capture system. We have determined the cost for the grant application and will be submitting it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Chiefs Report (see attached)**

- Total Calls for Service = 16
  - 2 - Motor Vehicle Accidents (with Injuries)
  - 9 - Medical Emergencies
  - 3 - Hazardous Condition (Trees Down)
  - 2 - Rescue EMS Standby (Racing Event)

Discussion and approval on appointing new members to the board to fill open vacancies.

- Seat 5 Vacancy  
Ronnie Miller was nominated by Jim Lawson for the Seat 5 vacancy. Ronnie Miller was present and accepted the nomination.

Motion: Jim Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wade Merritt Motion Passed

- Seat 3 Retirement (Position of Secretary/Treasurer)  
Commissioner Jim Lawson Submitted his letter of retirement and resignation from the board. This resignation would take effect at 9:00pm 7/11/2024. Brittney Lehneis was nominated by Jim Lawson for the Seat 3 Secretary/Treasurer Position due to her knowledge in Finance. Brittney was not present to officially accept the position but did acknowledge through proxy her acceptance. Wade Merritt requested we meet with her at the Saturday Special Meeting to accept her nomination.

Upcoming Events & Training

- o July - December Training Sessions will consist of EMR & Fire Fighting 1 Operations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Media Representative Chris Henderson presented to the board the offer to advertise Public Service Announcements for the Fire Station in an effort to inform the public through other media like radio that is available. The board was appreciative of the support and will likely utilize the radio station PSA opportunities being offered.

Okaloosa Island Fire and Rescue Chief Ray Shrawn presented to the board the offer of a donated Fire Truck for our facility. He advised that their board was in agreement and supported the offer of the donation. Chief Melanson and Commissioner Wade Merritt advised Chief Shrawn that they would like to come down to see the truck and inspect it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment of meeting at 7:59pm

Motion: Jim Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wade Merritt Motion Passed

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING July 13, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.**

These minutes were approved and accepted as read this date 8/8/2024

Larry Cunningham, Chairperson Larry Cunningham

James Lawson, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ or

Other Authorized Board Member Wade Merritt 9/15/24