

BLACKMAN FIRE DISTRICT MEETING

DATE: 20 March 2025

() REGULARLY SCHEDULED

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

() EMERGENCY

(X) WORKSHOP

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

Welcome/Call Meeting to Order at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1

1) Annual Assessment Fee Review

Discussion and review of annual increases to assessment fees at the 6.51% 2025-2026 Rate and the possible change or removal of the \$50.00 max on acreage.

Current rates:

Property Type	Current Rates	Expected Rates if Increased 6.51%
09AC/Land unimproved:	\$ 5.55 per acre w/ \$50.00 maximum	\$ 5.91 per acre w/ \$50.00 maximum
09RS/Imp.SFR	\$111.10 per SFR *Bldg. up to 150 acres*	\$118.33 per SFR *Bldg. up to 150 acres*
09CM/Comm.	\$166.64 Business (per bldg.)	\$177.49 Business (per bldg.)
09EX/Exempt	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	NOTE: 09RS >150 acres include second special tax rate code 09AC on line 2 with remaining acres as number of units	NOTE: 09RS >150 acres include second special tax rate code 09AC on line 2 with remaining acres as number of units

Discussion on the annual increases to Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for the Blackman Fire District were discussed. A proposal to remove the \$50.00 maximum was made and reviewed. With the allowable rate being taken into consideration, which was provided by the property appraiser's office, the amounts for increase allowable by law are detailed below (6.51%). These amounts are the max the fire district could increase this year.

Current vs Proposed Rates:

Property Type	Current Rates	Authorized Rates for 2025 per Property Appraiser is 6.51%
09AC/Land unimproved:	\$ 5.55 per acre w/ \$50.00 maximum <u>(or \$5.55 per acre up to 9 acres and \$0.00 per acre each additional acre)</u>	\$ 5.91 per acre up to 9 acres and \$0.06 per acre each additional acre
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The board understood this to be the only option for removing the \$50.00 max allowable by law without exceeding the 6.51% rate calculated by the property appraiser. More public discussion will be taken into consideration at the next public workshop to be held on March 27, 2025 at 7pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Open the floor to public comment.

Mr. James Lawson presented a public record request for the meeting minutes from tonight's meeting. The meeting to be provided will be in draft format due to the minutes not being read and approved at the next regular business meeting yet.

Mr. James Lawson requested board consideration in partnering with the Masonic Lodge on a Gun Raffle due to the organization not being considered a Non-Profit Tax Exempt Organization at this time. The board advised they will review this request and make a determination at the next regular business meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of meeting at **8:34pm**

Motion: **Holley Cook**

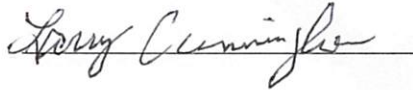
2nd: **Steve Lawson**

Motion Passed

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING March 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved and accepted as read this date _____

Larry Cunningham, Chairman



or Other Authorized Board Member _____