

BLACKMAN FIRE DISTRICT MEETING

DATE: 12 September 2024

(X) REGULARLY SCHEDULED

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

() EMERGENCY

() WORKSHOP

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chairperson Larry Cunningham	(X) Yes	() No
Commissioner Brittney Lehneis	(X) Yes	() No
Commissioner Wade Merritt	(X) Yes	() No
Commissioner Steve Lawson	(X) Yes	() No
Commissioner Ronnie Miller	() Yes	(X) No

Welcome/Call Meeting to Order at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion and Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2024.

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Wade Merritt Motion Passed

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

Cash

- Unrestricted Cash
 - Petty Cash \$ 263.19
 - General Checking \$ 18,033.98
 - General Savings \$ 44,005.24
 - Total Unrestricted Cash \$ 62,302.41
- Restricted Cash
 - Impact Fees \$ 4,270.78
 - Total Restricted Cash \$ 4,270.78
- Total Cash \$ 66,573.19

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Wade Merritt Motion Passed

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Report

- Awaiting application results from AFG, FFAGP, Cancer Decon Grant and HMGP.

Grantor	Project	Amount	Match %	Match
Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG)	New Tanker Pumper Truck	\$548,000.00	10%	\$54,800.00
Florida Firefighter Assistance Grant Program (FFAGP)	SCBAs, Air Bottles & Combi Tool	\$60,127.20	0%	\$0.00
Florida Cancer Decontamination Grant	Vehicle Exhaust Capture System	\$45,000.00	25%	\$11,250.00
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 4734 Hurricane Idalia	New Generator	\$61,306.92	25%	\$15,326.73
		\$714,434.12		\$81,376.73

NEW BUSINESS

Chiefs Report (see attached)

- Total Calls for Service = 19
 - 15 - Medical
 - 9 - Medical Emergencies
 - 1 - Motor Vehicle Accidents with Injuries
 - 2 - Motor Vehicle Accidents without Injuries
 - 1 - Rescue EMS Standby (Echo Response Psych)
 - 2 - Rescue EMS Standby (Racing Event)
 - 2 - Brush Fires
 - 1 - Hazardous Condition (Tree Down)
 - 1 - Canceled Unfounded (Previous MVA)

Discussion of upcoming operational needs and approval of the 5-year plan.

After discussion, the board requested more time to look at the 5-year plan. The request was tabled pending further discussion at the next board meeting.

Discussion and approval of the FY 2025 Proposed Budget.

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Wade Merritt Motion Passed

Discussion and approval for using Apparatus for Baker Homecoming Parade with passengers to toss out candy.

Motion: Wade Merritt 2nd: Steve Lawson Motion Passed

After further discussion, a motion was made that the Blackman Fire District pay for the entry fee of \$20 and \$80 toward candy from the General Fund for the event.

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Wade Merritt Motion Passed

Discussion and approval of accepting Richard Enders and Michael Strawn as FD members.

Motion: Brittney Lehneis 2nd: Steve Lawson Motion Passed

Upcoming Events & Training

- 09/08/2024 - Suicide Prevention Week Social Media Campaign
- 09/12/2024 - BFD Business Meeting
- 09/13/2024 - Blackman Community Dinner
- 09/15/2024 - National Child Passenger Safety Week Social Media Campaign
- 09/27/2024 - Baker School Homecoming Parade
- 10/01/2024 - Breast Cancer Awareness Month Social Media Campaign
- 10/28/2024 - National First Responder Day Social Media Campaign

Discussion on donations was brought up. The Fire Truck Donation from Okaloosa Island Fire and Rescue needs to be officially voted on. This item will be coming to us at an additional cost to the department for insurance and maintenance. It is believed that we currently have adequate equipment to supply the truck for our department. This item was tabled pending further review at the next meeting.

Discussion on Okaloosa County assisting with creating a back access to the station due to losing the original one removed during the Dollar General Construction. It was requested that once Okaloosa County has a plan, they should present the option to the board for consideration. This item was tabled pending receipt of any plans developed by Okaloosa County.

Discussion on ruts in the property from heavy machinery used in the Communications Tower construction and the Hwy 2 road construction. Williams has advised that they will provide the seed for the ruts in the fire department property. Commissioner Merritt advised he is willing to till up the land in an effort to level the property. Once completed he will use the seed provided from Williams to plant the area for growth.

Discussion on the inventory asset disposal process. Asset management will go directly through Commissioner Wade Merritt on all items coming into the department. As item disposal is necessary, Commissioner Merritt will process these disposals. If transferring assets to other apparatus or personnel, Commissioner Merritt will also handle those transfers.

Discussion on Pre-planning for Helicopter Landing Zones. Pre-planning has been requested for landing zones within our district in an effort to make emergency response and landings more fluid in operations. Department members will schedule a day for pre-planning exercises and entry into the new First Due System.

Discussion on selling old furniture (desks, tables, chairs, etc) on line in an effort to generate funding for newer furniture needed. These monies will go back into the General Fund to be used for this purpose.

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Wade Merritt Motion Passed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Open the floor to public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of meeting at 7:37pm

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Wade Merritt Motion Passed

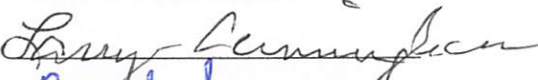

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING October 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved and accepted as read this date 10-10

Larry Cunningham, Chairperson

Brittney Lehneis, Secretary

Other Authorized Board Member


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