

BLACKMAN FIRE DISTRICT MEETING

DATE: 12 December 2024

(X) REGULARLY SCHEDULED

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

() EMERGENCY

() WORKSHOP

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

Welcome/Call Meeting to Order at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

- 1) Discussion and Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2024.

Motion: Ronnie Miller 2nd: Steve Lawson Motion Passed

- 2) Discussion and Approval of the Financial Report from November 30, 2024.

Cash

- Unrestricted Cash
 - Petty Cash \$ 188.84
 - General Checking \$ 11,128.08
 - General Savings \$ 45,506.35
 - Total Unrestricted Cash \$ 56,823.27
- Restricted Cash
 - Impact Fees \$ 6,037.38
 - Total Restricted Cash \$ 6,037.38
- Total Cash \$ 62,860.65

Motion: Ronnie Miller 2nd: Steve Lawson Motion Passed

- 3) Chief's Report (See attached report)

- Total Calls for Service = 14
 - 9 - Medical Calls
 - 2 - Structure Fires
 - 1 - House Fire
 - 1 - Fire (Rekindled House Fire)
 - 3 - Brush Fires
 - 1 Controlled Burn
 - 1 Trash Burn
 - 1 Solar Farm Fire

- 4) Board Vacancies and Applications

Discussion on current board vacancies and review of potential candidates for the board. Currently, the department has received two applications for positions on the board.

Seat 3 Letter of Resignation from Brittney Lehneis was reviewed and accepted.

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Ronnie Miller Motion Passed

Seat 3 Potential Candidate: Holley Cook

Motion: [Steve Lawson](#) 2nd: [Ronnie Miller](#) Motion Passed

Seat 4 Potential Candidate: Wade Merritt

Motion: [Steve Lawson](#) 2nd: [Ronnie Miller](#) Motion Passed

The Oath of Office was completed for both candidates and they were acknowledged as board members. No duties were assigned to new board members at this time and a review of positions will take place at the first meeting in January 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

5) **Engine 70 Gauge Replacement**

Discussion and approval of the new quote for replacement of gauges that are not working properly.

Motion: [Steve Lawson](#) 2nd: [Ronnie Miller](#) Motion Passed

6) **Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application** *(Presented by Lt. Miranda Sargent)*

Per JMCM Consulting, the AFG grant conditions now require that an apparatus be owned for at least 9 years prior to using it to obtain a new Tanker/Pumper. JMCM has advised they will not be able to submit an application this year due to the eligibility requirement changes to this year's application process.

Maintain Pumper 70 in our fleet as a reserve tanker until July 2025, then reassess department needs.

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

7) **Appropriations Request** *(Presented by Lt. Miranda Sargent)*

Update on the submission of the appropriation request for an Electric Vehicle (EV) Fire Suppression Response Vehicle.

8) **Grants Report - Applications Outstanding** *(See attached report)*

Grantor	Project	App Amount	Match %	Match	Award
Firehouse Subs Foundation Grant Program	Combination Rescue Tool	\$11,835.00	0%	\$0.00	Under Review
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 4734 Hurricane Idalia	Generator Acquisition, 3-Phase & Gas Transition	\$61,306.92	25%	\$15,326.73	Under Review (Anticipated 1-2 year)

9) **Legal Consultation on an Easement**

Update on consultation with Attorney Jonathan Holloway on researching a possible easement with the Clay family and the Smith family to create a new back access to the department from Highway 189 N.

Wade Merritt advised he will research the easement possibilities and speak to the Smith's about it.

NEW BUSINESS

10) **Donated Quick Response/Command Vehicles** *(Presented by Chief Melanson)*

Acceptance of the Quick Response/Command Vehicles donated from Sheriff Aden of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. These vehicles will update current fleet vehicles that have aged out. It is with great thanks that we would like to accept these vehicles and we appreciate their support in our emergency response for our community.

Motion: [Steve Lawson](#)

2nd: [Ronnie Miller](#)

Motion Passed

Motion was made to approve the donation of the 2008 Ford Expedition (QR70) to Wing FD in Alabama due to their mutual aid support they consistently give to Blackman Fire District.

Motion: [Steve Lawson](#)

2nd: [Wade Merritt](#)

Motion Passed

Motion was made to approve the purchase of two emergency light packages for the new 2018 Ford Expeditions. The motion further requested \$5,000 from Impact Fees and the remaining funding from savings, totaling \$13,569.30, be allocated for this purchase.

Motion: [Steve Lawson](#)

2nd: [Ronnie Miller](#)

Motion Passed

Upcoming Events & Training

- 12/12/2024 - Blackman Fire District Business Meeting
- 12/13/2024 - Blackman Community Potluck Dinner
- 12/16/2024 - Christmas Ham Sale Ends
- 12/23/2024 - Christmas Ham Sale Pickup

PUBLIC COMMENT

Open the floor to public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of meeting at [8:30pm](#)

Motion: [Ronnie Miller](#)

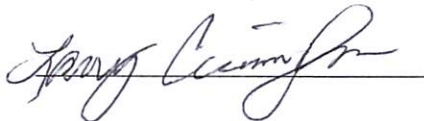
2nd: [Steve Lawson](#)

Motion Passed

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING January 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved and accepted as read this date 1/9/2025

Larry Cunningham, Chairman



Other Authorized Board Member _____