

BLACKMAN FIRE DISTRICT MEETING

DATE: 14 November 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

1) Discussion and Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2024.

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Wade Merritt Motion Passed

2) Discussion and Approval of the Financial Report from October 31, 2024.

Cash

- Unrestricted Cash
 - Petty Cash \$ 188.84
 - General Checking \$ 12,627.62
 - General Savings \$ 45,005.98
 - Total Unrestricted Cash \$ 57,822.44
- Restricted Cash
 - Impact Fees \$ 6,037.38
 - Total Restricted Cash \$ 6,037.38
- Total Cash \$ 63,859.82

Motion: Steve Lawson 2nd: Wade Merritt Motion Passed

Discussion and review of the end of the year journal entry and ending fiscal year balances to submit to the auditor.

Motion: Wade Merritt 2nd: Steve Lawson Motion Passed

3) Chief's Report (See attached report)

- Total Calls for Service = 13
 - 12 - Medical
 - 7 - Medical Emergencies
 - 2 - Motor Vehicle Accidents with Injuries
 - 1 - Motor Vehicle Accidents without Injuries
 - 2 - Rescue EMS Standby (Racing Event)
 - 1 - Hazardous Condition (Tree on Power Line)

OLD BUSINESS

4) **Items for Disposal**

Items for trash have been disposed of. Other items have been photographed and posted for sale online. Items for sale include a high-top table with chairs, a desk, 2 executive chairs and 2 wooden chairs.

5) **Grants Report** *(See attached report)*

Applications Outstanding

Grantor	Project	App Amount	Match %	Match	Award
Firehouse Subs Foundation Grant Program	Combination Rescue Tool	\$11,835.00	0%	\$0.00	Under Review
Florida Firefighter Assistance Grant Program (FFAGP)	SCBAs, Air Bottles (Combi Tool Removed)	\$60,127.20	0%	\$0.00	Awaiting Agreement \$48,342.20
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)

NEW BUSINESS

6) **Donated Quick Response/Command Vehicle** *(Presented by Chief Melanson)*

Discussion and acceptance of the Quick Response/Command Vehicle donation from Ocean City-Wright Fire District. Due to the 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe (COM70) engine failure, our wonderful community partner, Ocean City-Wright Fire Control District, has donated yet another vehicle to support our needs. It is with great thanks that we would like to accept this vehicle and we applaud them in their quick efforts to support our emergency response for our community.

Motion: [Steve Lawson](#) 2nd: [Brittney Lehneis](#) **Motion Passed**

7) **Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application** *(Presented by Wade Merritt)*

Discussion and approval to resubmit the grant application as it was previously written in an effort to obtain a new Tanker/Pumper. The grant opened on 11/12/2024 and has to be submitted by 12/20/2024. JMCM Consulting needs time to review the application and will continue to monitor the progress of grant activities. The vehicle acquisition awards will start rolling in around August 2025.

Motion: [Steve Lawson](#) 2nd: [Brittney Lehneis](#) **Motion Passed**

8) **Appropriations Request** *(Presented by Wade Merritt)*

Discussion and approval of submitting an appropriation request for a quick response vehicle to transition out older fleet vehicles. Appropriations are covered 100% when funded through the state legislature.

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

9) **Legal Consultation on an Easement**

Discussion and approval to consult 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. With recent road blockage during emergency response, by the Dollar General truck when it delivers, we have recognized an issue in responding to community emergencies. The county has been notified of the issue and we have not received any communication or response from them.

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

10) **Impact Fee Increases**

Discussion on implementing an increase to current Impact Fees based on the expected growth in the 32531 zip code that will affect first response and mutual aid response by our department in our area.

A request was made to develop our plan for impact fee increases, public workshops and implementation of increases. Anticipated workshops will be conducted in January for implementation by the end of March-April 2025.

Upcoming Events & Training

- 11/08/2024 - Blackman Community Potluck Dinner
- 11/09/2024 - Ham Radio Technician Class - Day 1
- 11/14/2024 - Blackman Fire District Business Meeting
- 11/16/2024 - Ham Radio Technician Class - Day 2

PUBLIC COMMENT

Open the floor to public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of meeting at 8:29pm

Motion: Steve Lawson

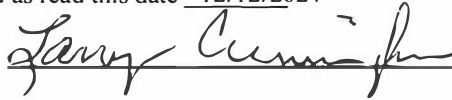
2nd: Wade Merritt

Motion Passed

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING December 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved and accepted as read this date 12/12/2024

Larry Cunningham, Chairperson



Brittney Lehneis, Secretary

or

Other Authorized Board Member

