

## BLACKMAN FIRE DISTRICT MEETING

DATE: 13 February 2025

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

(X) REGULARLY SCHEDULED

( ) EMERGENCY

( ) WORKSHOP

### ROLL CALL

### PRESENT

Commissioner Steve Lawson	( X ) Yes	( ) No
Chairperson Larry Cunningham	( X ) Yes	( ) No
Commissioner Holley Cook	( X ) Yes	( ) No
Vacant	( ) Yes	( X ) 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 January 9, 2025.  
Motion: Holley Cook 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Lawson Motion Passed
- 2) Discussion and Approval of the Public Workshop #1 Meeting Minutes from January 30, 2025.  
Motion: Steve Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ronnie Miller Motion Passed
- 3) Discussion and Approval of the Public Workshop #2 Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2025.  
Motion: Steve Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ronnie Miller Motion Passed
- 4) Discussion and Approval of the Financial Report from January 31, 2025.

### Cash

- Unrestricted Cash
  - Petty Cash \$ 188.84
  - General Checking \$ 90,656.50
  - General Savings \$ 46,507.13
  - Total Unrestricted Cash \$137,352.47
- Restricted Cash
  - Impact Fees \$ 7,407.18
  - Total Restricted Cash \$ 7,407.18
- Total Cash \$144,759.65

Motion: Steve Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Holley Cook Motion Passed

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

- Total Calls for Service = 11
  - 4 - Medical Calls
  - 5 - Fires
    - 2 - Structure Fires
    - 2 - Brush Fire (1 Controlled Burn)
    - 1 - Vehicle Fire
  - 1 - Hazardous Condition
    - 1 - Tree Down
  - 1 - Fire Service Calls
    - 1 - MVA Cancelled (Apple Watch)

Motion: Steve Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ronnie Miller Motion Passed

Discussion on selling the 2009 Tahoe. A motion was made to create a sealed bid advertisement with a reserve of \$1,000 for April advertisement.

Motion: Steve Lawson

2<sup>nd</sup>: Holley Cook

Motion Passed

## OLD BUSINESS

### 6) Grants Report - Applications Outstanding (Presented by Lt. Miranda Sargent)

Grantor	Project	App Amount	Match %	Match	Award
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 4734 Hurricane Idalia	Generator Acquisition, 3-Phase & Gas Transition	\$61,306.92	25%	\$15,326.73	Verified Still Under Review

### 7) Station Generator

Discussion and update on the station generator issues recently identified.

The station generator issues are being evaluated by Morgan Dunsford and the state will be contacted for further assistance.

### 8) Impact Fee Update (Presented by Wade Merritt)

Discussion and approval of finalized increases to Impact Fees within the fire district.

#### Current Rates:

Residential \$0.20 per square foot  
 Commercial \$0.30 per square foot  
 Industrial None  
 Solar Farm None

#### Approved Rates:

Residential \$1.00 per Square Foot  
 Commercial \$5.00 per Square Foot  
 Industrial \$7.50 per Square Foot  
 Solar Farm Adopt Holt FD Language at \$1,000 amounts

Motion: Holley Cook

2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Lawson

Motion Passed

### 9) Annual Assessment Fee Review

Discussion on public workshops to review annual increases to assessment fees at the 6.67% rate and the possible change or removal of the \$50.00 max on acreage.

#### Workshops:

Public Workshop #1 March 6th 7:00 pm Public Workshop #2 March 20th 7:00 pm

Motion: Holley Cook

2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Lawson

Motion Passed

#### Current rates:

Property Type	Current Rates	Expected Rates if Increased 6.67%
09AC/Land unimproved:	\$ 5.55 per acre w/ \$50.00 maximum	\$ 5.92 per acre w/ \$50.00 maximum
09RS/Imp.SFR	\$111.10 per SFR *Bldg. up to 150 acres*	\$118.51 per SFR *Bldg. up to 150 acres*
09CM/Comm.	\$166.64 Business (per bldg.)	\$177.75 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



## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Upcoming Events & Training**

- 02/13/2025 - Blackman Fire District Business Meeting
- 02/14/2025 - Blackman Community Potluck Dinner

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **Baker FD Presentation:**

Discussion occurred on the public records request provided by Wade Merritt of Blackman Fire District. Chief McKenzie advised that per their attorney, they would be charging our department for the time and paper required to gather and provide the information requested. Baker FD Chief further advised that they had looked over the information that was requested and can confirm that no other impact fees had errors for those that were paid in 2024. The Blackman Fire District board made a motion to accept their internal audit of the requested information and to void the letter of request that was provided by Wade Merritt to their department.

Motion: Ronnie Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>: Holley Cook Motion Passed

Further discussion on this topic requested that Baker FD provide a letter back to Blackman with the internal audit results.

Motion: Steve Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ronnie Miller Motion Passed

### **Easement Update:**

Discussion by Wade Merritt regarding the easement for the back property. He advised that the Clay family would be in contact with Attorney Holloway and a future update would be forthcoming.

### **Fleet Maintenance:**

Commissioner Steve Lawson presented the request that oil changes and preventative maintenance be handled by the engineers of the Quick Response Vehicles if possible in an effort to save money.

Motion: Steve Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ronnie Miller Motion Passed

### **Disposal of Equipment:**

Commissioner Steve Lawson requested that as old equipment in the Conex box be disposed of. Lt. Sargent advised that items are set to be transitioned for disposal from their current locations to the Conex and from the Conex to disposal in an effort to log and report equipment disposed of. Items may be auctioned or sold during the transition period in an effort to recoup funding for the station.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment of meeting at 8:22pm

Motion: Steve Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Holley Cook Motion Passed

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING March 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

These minutes were approved and accepted as read this date \_\_\_\_\_

Larry Cunningham, Chairman



Other Authorized Board Member \_\_\_\_\_