



## **Williamson Valley Fire District**

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### **GENERAL SESSION MINUTES December 16, 2024**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call of Board Members**

Present: Board Chairman Price; Board Members Beach, McKelvey, Harbicht

Absent: Board Member Austermilller

Incoming Board Member Hunter was also in attendance

**4. Chief's Report and Discussion:**

**a. Statistical Data, Station Information Report, Fleet Report, Project Reports, Training Reports, Report on Billing for out of District Services, Grant Progress Updates, Personnel Updates, Public Relations Update, Communications Report.**

There were nine transports out of Bagdad last month. The regional part-time fire academy finished on Saturday and students would know in a month if they passed the state testing. The full-time academy is at the halfway point. The final exam of the first trimester of Paramedic school is tomorrow. Grant season is open and Karen C is working on grant applications for the districts. We were awarded a Homeland Security grant for hazmat equipment with reallocated dollars. The primary Bagdad engine is still in Phoenix for warranty repair work. All other trucks are in service.

Chiefs Tunis and Love put on a Ropes Operations class. There is a confined space coming up which the new hire academy students will attend along with those members who have not done the class. The mine standbys require confined space and ropes certification. There was an emergency standby during the Thanksgiving holiday related to hydrant testing.

The slash pile at Station 91 will be burned as soon as there is moisture. The pancake breakfast is cancelled for December. Response times are good. He is working on end of year reporting to the State for the certificate of necessity.

He reported on a meeting with the incoming Mayor of Prescott and County Board of Supervisor who wants to form a JPA with all the fire districts in District 4 or determine a way coverage can be paid for in non-coverage areas such as a county imposed tax. Also discussed was the county's desire to incorporate county buildings into multi-use Public Safety facilities. Public Works might want to be included as well.

- 5. Financial Report/Review and Discussion: Monthly Financial Update and Year to Date Financials.**  
The Board reviewed financial reports including balance sheets, updated cash flow projections and the end of month statements on all bank and County accounts.

**6. Consent Agenda**

- a. **Accept General Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2024 WVFD Board Meeting**
- b. **Approve payment of \$4,120.14 (Bagdad) and \$4,120.14 (WVFD) to LN Curtis and Sons for hose and hazmat equipment**
- c. **Approve payment of \$47,002.52 to Blue Cross Blue Shield. Health insurance for WVFD, MFD, CKFO and CFD**
- d. **Approve payment of \$25,000 to Az State Fire Training Committee (pass through)**
- e. **Approve payment of \$11,054.00 (WVFD) and \$33,162.00 (Bagdad) to NFP for liability insurance**
- f. **Approve payment of \$4,900 to 1582 LLC for physicals (Bagdad)**
- g. **Approve payment of \$3,600 to Workers Assistance Program Inc for health insurance (Bagdad)**
- h. **Approve payment of \$4,544.39 to Bound Tree Medical for EMS disposables**
- i. **Approve payment of \$5,264.17 to Wells Fargo Business Card for mostly wildland and training related expenses (Bagdad)**

Upon a motion by Board Member Beach, seconded by Board Member Harbicht, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda with the correction of the check amounts in Item "e" to \$11,054 and \$33,162 instead of \$1,054 and \$3,162 as originally posted.

**7. Reports and Correspondence**

None

**8. Call to the Public: Comments and statements from the public.**

None

**9. Old Business:**

- a. **Discussion and possible action: Status of the Bagdad contract.**

Extreme Cubes has been in touch with Chief Tunis regarding an estimate for a fire station for WV. FMI will install a generator at the fire station in the next few months. The County likes to use fire stations as evacuation centers but it requires a generator. In November, Texas A & M put on an advanced propane class for us in Bagdad and Townsite employees also attended. November calls for service and operations in Bagdad were reviewed at the monthly meeting with FMI. There has been no formal communication yet as to what is taking place with the expansion.

**10. New Business:**

- a. **Discussion and possible action: Approve posting notice of Board vacancy.**

The Board will be one member short starting in January which can be fixed at the next Board meeting assuming someone applies.

**11. Future Agenda Items discussion: Board members suggest future agenda items.**

Selection of Board member to fill vacant position; swear in both new members; election of Chair and Clerk

Board Member Beach expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to work with everyone for the last 12 years. Everyone thanked him as well for serving on the Board.

**12. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Board Chairman

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Board Clerk