



Williamson Valley Fire District

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GENERAL SESSION MINUTES August 17, 2026

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:29 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call of Board Members

Present: Board Chairman Price; Board Members Austermiller, Harbicht, Hunter, and McKelvey

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.**

Last month there were 35 calls for service with the majority EMS and half of those in CAFMA's area. Response times were good: under 5 minutes to Hootenanny, 10 minutes to Puntenney, 13 minutes to Crossroads and Las Vegas Ranch, and 7 minutes to Talking Rock (mutual aid).

Just finished new firefighter orientation and they are out on trucks. New hire orientation includes rope rescue and confined space as it required for working in the mine. We are losing one member to CAFMA as is MFD. A fire academy with 16 starts in September and will be held in Bagdad. State Fire School is also in September with 18 of our members participating as well as instructors. Scholarships were received for half of them. The cost of the firefighter and EMT academies can be offset by a SAFER grant. Paramedic school starts at the end of September and we have two registered. Class size has been expanded from 18 to 24 as we now have a larger classroom facility available to us. We received the final letter of findings on paramedic school accreditation with no major deficiencies noted. The final letter of recommendation will be issued by the accreditation body at its next meeting on November 2 and 3.

Gave an update on additional water storage setups in Crossroads II.

Heavy rain and flooding in Bagdad last week significantly impacted the mine and the mine will not be back to normal operations for a while.

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.

Donna is still updating the July financials to reflect what the Board members want to see on the financials including shared employees and wildland. She is also working on fiscal year closeout.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. **Accept General Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2026 and the Public Hearing Minutes of July 20, 2026**
- b. **Approve payment of \$7,493.93 to Wells Fargo Business Card for mostly equipment related to new vehicles (WVFD)**
- c. **Approve payment of \$9,179.11 to City of Prescott for dispatch services (Bagdad)**
- d. **Approve payment of \$8,619.86 to Across the Street Productions for Training (WVFD) - Grant funded.**
- e. **Approve payment of \$103,826.80 to Mayer FD for payroll reimbursement (WVFD)**
- f. **Approve Payment of \$12,491.50 to 49er Communications for new vehicle h/w and s/w (WVFD)**
- g. **Approve payment of \$15,526.80 (WVFD) and \$36,229.20 (Bagdad) to Securis for Workmen's Comp Insurance**
- h. **Approve payment of \$14,465.33 (Bagdad) to the City of Prescott for dispatch services**
- i. **Approve payment of \$13,500.00 to J&S Trucking and Equipment LLC for fire truck and vehicles (WVFD)**
- j. **Approve payment of \$4,126.43 to WEX Bank (WVFD)**
- k. **Approve payment of \$5,770.85 to the City of Prescott for dispatch (WVFD)**
- l. **Approve payment of \$6,069.5 to ECO Solutions for scheduling s/w (Bagdad)**
- m. **Approve payment of \$29,664.80 to Mayer FD for payroll reimbursement (WVFD)**
- n. **Approve payment of \$5,978.42 to Wells Fargo Business Card for exercise equipment and other miscellaneous items (WVFD)**

Upon a motion by Board Member McKelvey, seconded by Board Member Austermiller, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

7. Reports and Correspondence

None

8. Call to the Public and/or Firefighter Union: Comments and statements from the public and/or union members.

None

9. Old Business:

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

Chief Tunis briefed everyone on the significant flooding that occurred at the mine. He felt the district proved its value to Freeport and demonstrated the district's skills and dedication.

Kudos to Chief Tunis and the crews.

10. New Business:

a. Discussion and possible action: Discussion and possible authorization to purchase a new command vehicle.

Chief Smith noted the current status of the district's command vehicles. In future contract updates with FMI, increasing vehicle depreciation for leased apparatus should be considered. What is currently being paid for the engine lease is not enough for a new fire truck.

This item is tabled until the next meeting.

b. Discussion and possible action: Discussion and possible authorization for asphalt resurface of parking area with possible contribution from School Board.

Three bids were requested with two received. The school district may have grant funding but was willing to pay for half of the project regardless of grant reimbursement. They will vote on contributing towards this project at their next meeting on September 14. The bid is good for 30 days. If the project cannot be done during fall break, we will have to wait until spring and rebid the project at that time

Board Member Hunter offered to work on the specs and was willing to inspect the project to ensure it meets specs.

This item is tabled until the next meeting.

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

None noted

The Friends annual meeting will be 15 minutes before the next Board meeting.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED

Board Clerk

Board Chairman