



Williamson Valley Fire District

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GENERAL SESSION MINUTES January 19, 2026

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:32 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.**

There were 34 calls for service last month; 14 were in Talking Rock/ICR of which some were cancelled. Average response time is 10-15 minutes. There was a kitchen fire in Bagdad but no major fires. New members completed the full-time firefighter academy and are now on trucks. Annual fire department physicals will be done next week. Hose testing has been completed for all stations and ladder testing is next. There was one walk-in at this station. Brush pile is open and will close next week for burning. Electrical work is almost done, waiting on the permit for the generator. With the termination of their fire chief, he and Chief Tunis were asked to do a presentation on the Consortium at the last Yarnell Fire District Board meeting. Several board members of the Peoples Valley FD were also in attendance and heard the presentation. He talked with the mechanics about possible water tenders that are available. There are several converted water construction trucks available including 2016 and 2017 ones with 160,000± miles that sell for about \$50,000 each.

Paramedic school is in the second trimester and students began hospital clinicals and vehiculars will begin in February. Class ends in late April or early May. Hopefully In April we will have the final site visit for accreditation. They will meet the instructors and interview students as well as review data for the three classes including looking at the first three attempts at the National Registry exam. We need to provide publicity on paramedic school to the media. It is intended to have a few students from the last class attend a Yavapai-Prescott tribal meeting to thank them for their donations. He and Chief Tunis met with the new manager of Priority Ambulance. They have sent 6 or 7 students to our classes and no longer send them to Yavapai College.

Looking at a potential grant for a satellite radio tying into Starlink. The dispatch center is testing it right now. The cost is \$2,500 each and it is a 50% match grant which will be paid by Bagdad.

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.

Chief Smith noted one of the MFD payments was not missing, but in the wrong spot in QuickBooks which has been corrected. The majority of the Due To/From pending reimbursement from the other districts is health insurance. Other major costs included apparatus repairs which is a risk purchasing used vehicles and we are waiting for reimbursement from FMI on the UTV and brush truck. He explained what FMI has scheduled to replace in the upcoming three years.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. **Accept General Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2025.**
- b. **Approve payment of \$3,891.41 to the City of Prescott for dispatch services. (WVFD)**
- c. **Approve payment of \$11,674.25 to the City of Prescott for dispatch services. (Bagdad)**
- d. **Approve payment of \$103,826.80 to Mayer FD for payroll reimbursement.**
- e. **Approve payment of \$7,840.00 to Elan Electric for electrical upgrades.**
- f. **Approve payment of \$3,883.00 to SCBA Sales & Rentals LLC split 50/50 between WVFD and Bagdad.**

Upon a motion by Board Member Harbicht, seconded by Board Member McKelvey, 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.

December was a slow month for the mine. At last week's monthly FMI meeting there was discussion on the expansion of the construction camp. The contractor, Ames Construction, wants to establish their own first aid/first responder program, but the FMI Safety Department told them they needed to contract with us if that's what they wanted. The mine manager will review the fire station expansion reports that had been drawn up previously. Please give Chief Tunis a half dozen dates that work for Board members so he can reschedule the tour. Remodeling work is underway on making Bashas one third bigger. FMI is also putting up a dormitory building which should be ready in February. There are 177 people on the housing list right now.

b. Discussion and possible action: Electrical work for the station.

Board Member Hunter has not checked yet if all the work has been done. He will also check with the County on the permit delay.

10. New Business:

a. Discussion and possible action: Review all WVFD insurance policies.

The Board discussed the district's various insurance policies. Chief Smith will check coverage for the new repeater as the policy lists it at \$12,000.

b. Discussion and possible action: Authorize purchase of new radio repeater for \$22,369.

The Sullivan repeater is failing and replacement parts are not available given it is 27 years old. There are only a couple of companies that make these repeaters.

Upon a motion by Board Member Hunter, seconded by Board Member Austermiller, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a new radio repeater in the amount of \$22,369.

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

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12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

APPROVED

Board Chairman

Board Clerk