



Williamson Valley Fire District

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GENERAL SESSION MINUTES May 18, 2026

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call of Board Members

Present: Chairman Price; Board Members Harbicht and McKelvey

Members Absent: Board Members Austermiller and Hunter

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.**

Paramedic school students graduated last week and start taking national exams this week. There were 30 calls for service last month. There were 15 calls in Talking Rock of which 8 were cancelled before our engine left station. Response times are really good. A training hydrant is being installed at Station 91 by member Shane Morgan. We had one walk-in at Station 91. The brush pile is closed as there have not been any burn days. It will probably not open until it starts raining again.

Members participated in a two-day Basin Ops Drill. It is a large, full scale regional drill where part of the hillside was set on fire and units were called in to fight the fire. Fire Marshal conducted a sprinkler inspection in Las Vegas Ranch on a new house. In Crossroads II a homeowner installed a 30,000 gallon tank with adapters on it. It is located away from house on a hard pad and we can easily get next to it.

On the Wickenburg Fire Bagdad crews responded to help out for two or three days. Mayer Fire's water tender went to New Mexico today. It is a split crew including WV personnel but none of WV's equipment was taken. At the upcoming Saturday meeting he will provide pricing of available water tenders and engines, new and used, for the Board to review and ask questions.

Chairman Price asked if the three firefighters at Station 91 all go in the engine to a residential fire or does one take the water tender. He also asked if we can we get more volunteers.

Chief Smith noted it depended on where the fire is. If it is in CAFMA's area, all three go on our truck. In our district, one would take the water tender. If Ray Beckage is available, he will take the water tender.

Board Member Harbicht shared that he has driven that type of equipment. This topic will be discussed further on Saturday.

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.

Chairman Price and Board Member Austermiller will sit down with the accountant to get their questions answered. Additions to the P & L may be needed.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Accept General Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026 Board Meeting**
- b. Approve payment of \$4,379.87 to WEX bank for fuel. (WVFD)**
- c. Approve payment of \$14,336.00 to Elan Electric for backup generator (WVFD)**

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

7. Reports and Correspondence

None

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

Union rep, Matt Griffiths, noted there are 67 employees in the same house as far as union and labor goes. Committee creation underway. He introduced Megan Norling, also a WV member, who has prior experience with JPAs and has been involved with good labor management relations.

9. Old Business:

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

There was a 2X Bagdad meeting last week. Our liaison asked we change up future presentations to reflect a more contemporary approach and include new and interesting stuff that gets their attention. Chief Tunis will meet with her next week to further discuss.

10. New Business:

- a. Discussion and possible action: Budget discussion and possible approval.**

Board members had been given a copy of the County's tentative budget sheet which was also sent to the County. The only item changed from last year was projected income from an 8% assessed value increase. The next step is the Public Hearing on the budget which can be done at special meeting prior to next month's meeting or 15 minutes before the regular meeting.

- b. Discussion and possible action: Discussion of changes to financials starting 1 July.**

Chairman Price explained this discussion was to better understand the financials on the P & L and GL specifically with respect to Consortium costs and wildland costs.

Chief Smith indicated costs for shared employees, wildland cost, EMS supplies, and insurance are split out.

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

12. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED

Board Chairman

Board Clerk