

WILLIAMS FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
810 E Street, Williams, California
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, August 15, 2022

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Williams Fire Protection Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1730 hours by Chairperson Turner.

Director's Present: Allen Gobel, Kelly Lewis, Robert Mendoza, Don Parsons, Doug Turner

Alternates Present: Jeremiah Karlonas, Rex Mayes (arrived at 17:33 hours)

Staff Present: Chief Gilber, Kara Alvernaz, John Alvernaz, Arturo Minutti, Ben Mayes

Other Present: Jeff Carman and Brian Hendrickson from Global Medical Response.

Jaime Quijas, Quijas family members, and members of Sutter County Fire were present for Introduction and Swearing-In and left immediately following.

Chief Gilbert Introduced Jaime Quijas, newly hired firefighter for SAFER Grant funded position. Chief Gilbert administered the Oath of Office to firefighter Quijas.

Allen Gobel moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022 regular meeting. Motion was 2nd by Don Parsons. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Lewis – aye, Mendoza – aye, Parsons – aye, Turner – aye.**

The Financial Reports dated 7/31/2022 and the 7/1 – 7/31/2022 Check Registers were presented and discussed. Kelly Lewis moved to accept the 7/31/2022 Financial Reports and approve the Check Register listing Checks # 17199 – 17275 out of Umpqua Bank Checking xxxxx1215 totaling \$614,292.48, Check # 200 out of Umpqua Bank Impact Fee Fund xxxxx1223 totaling \$3,280.00 and Check # 1013 out of Umpqua Bank Capital Equipment Replacement Fund xxxxx6829 totaling \$200,000.00. Motion was 2nd by Allen Gobel. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Lewis – aye, Mendoza – aye, Parsons – aye, Turner – aye.**

Chief's Report:

- The July 2022 Stats were presented.
- Reported that strike team is home after 21 days out on fires.
- Announced that Colusa County Measure A will be voted on in November. If voters approve Measure A it will help the county fund ambulance services. Chief Gilbert inquired if the Authority Board wished to publicly support Measure A. He stated that Williams Volunteer Firefighters Association has approved supporting as a group. Staff was directed to place Support of Colusa County Measure A on September meeting agenda.
- Reported that Phase 1-B project has been started.

Chief Gilbert spoke about a proposed agreement with Global Medical Response to assist with fire suppression services. Jeff Carmon and Brian Hendrickson of Global Medical Response also spoke. Discussion followed. Staff was directed to put the proposed agreement on the agenda for the next board meeting, following approval by legal counsel.

Chief Gilbert spoke about the need to have an alternative transport vehicle to transport patients from an incident scene to the helicopter landing zone. With only one ambulance in the county, there has been increased need for an alternative transport vehicle. Arbuckle Fire is interested in partnering with the Authority in order to purchase a used ambulance and to share in the costs to operate it. Chief Gilbert announced that Global Medical Response has a used ambulance that they are willing to donate at no cost. He has a sample response policy. Don Parsons moved to submit an application with Global Medical Response to apply to receive the used ambulance. Motion was 2nd by Allen Gobel. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Lewis – aye, Mendoza – aye, Parsons – aye, Turner – aye.**

During board/staff discussion, Chief Gilbert announced that the Authority 22/23 Budget Contribution request from the City of Williams will be discussed and voted on at August 17th City Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1830 hours.

Doug Turner, Chairperson

Jeffery Gilbert, Fire Chief