

WILLIAMS FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
810 E Street, Williams, California
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, January 20, 2026

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Williams Fire Protection Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1736 hours by Chairperson, Allen Gobel.

Directors Present: Kate Dunlap, Allen Gobel, Jeremiah Karlonas, Don Parsons,
Alternates Present: None
Staff Present: Chief Gilbert, Kara Alvernaz, Ben Mayes, John Alvernaz
Other President: Rex Mayes (arrived at 17:50 hours)

It was announced that Kelly Lewis will represent the Williams Volunteer Firefighters Association on the Authority Board (appointed by the Williams Fire Protection District) for a 2 – year term ending December 31, 2027. Nick Mayes will be the alternate representative.

Kate Dunlap moved to nominate Allen Gobel as Chairperson for 2026 and Don Parsons as Vice-Chairperson. Motion was 2nd by Don Parsons. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 1 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Karlonas – aye, Lewis – absent, Parsons – aye.**

Jeremiah Karlonas moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025 regular meeting and the December 22, 2025 special meeting. Motion was 2nd by Kate Dunlap. Motion passed. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 1 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Karlonas – aye, Lewis – absent, Parsons – aye.**

The Financial Reports and Check Register were presented and discussed. Kate Dunlap moved to approve the Financial Reports dated 12/31/2025 and the 12/1 – 12/31/2025 Check Register listing Check # 21050 – 21133 out of Umpqua Bank Checking xxx1215 totaling \$128,183.45 and Check # 236 - 237 out of Umpqua Bank Impact Fee Fund xxx1223 totaling \$6,448.00. Motion was 2nd by Don Parsons. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 1 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Karlonas – aye, Lewis – absent, Parsons – aye.**

Don Parsons made a motion to commit the \$192,000 used for 2025 Mutual Aid Payroll back to the Columbia Bank Strike Team Payroll Fund. Motion was 2nd by Jeremiah Karlonas. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 1 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Karlonas – aye, Lewis – absent, Parsons - aye.**

Chief's Report:

- December 2025 and 2025 YTD Stats discussed.
- Updated on status of current and future development projects.
- Reported that the new water tender should be finished by end of March.
- Informed board of ongoing issues with Utility 21 and that he feels it needs to be replaced in the near future.

Chief Gilbert reported that the sale of water tender 3051 was advertised with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus. The Authority received one offer for \$135,000 from Kemp Volunteer Fire Department out of Oklahoma. The offer was contingent on 1. Kemp Volunteer Fire Department securing financing and 2. that the Authority replace the 4 rear-axle tires. He said that after paying for tires and the commission to Brindlee Mountain, the net proceeds would be approximately \$119,000. Jeremiah Karlonas moved to accept offer from Kemp Volunteer Fire Department, contingent on Kemp Fire receiving financing. Motion was 2nd by Don Parsons. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 1 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Karlonas – aye, Lewis – absent, Parsons – aye.**

Chief Gilbert reported that he has researched with other departments who had constructed new facilities in recent years asking if they had used a construction management service. Chief Gilbert stated that he felt that since we already are paying for the architect to manage the project, that we wouldn't need to hire a construction management service. No further action taken.

Kate Dunlap moved to approve the Williams Volunteer Firefighter's Association 2026 Events Calendar. Motion was 2nd by Don Parsons. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 1 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Karlonas – aye, Lewis – absent, Parsons – aye.**

During Board/Staff Discussion, Don Parsons thanked Authority personnel for displaying flag off ladder truck on E Street overpass, honoring fallen Veteran enroute to Arlington National Cemetery.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:19 hours in memory of Congressman Doug LaMalfa.

Allen Gobel, Chairperson

Jeffery Gilbert, Secretary