

WILLIAMS FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
810 E Street, Williams, California
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, February 18, 2025

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Williams Fire Protection Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 17:30 hours by Chairperson, Doug Turner.

Directors Present: Kate Dunlap, Allen Gobel, Kelly Lewis, Don Parsons, Doug Turner

Alternates Present: None

Staff Present: Chief Gilbert, Kara Alvernaz, John Alvernaz (arrived at 17:32), Ben Mayes (arrived at 17:35)

Other Present: Chief Sapeta/Lake County FPD and Chief Huggins/Kelseyville FPD

Chief Sapeta spoke on behalf of the Lake County Fire Chiefs Association, thanking the Colusa County Fire Chiefs Association for providing auto and mutual aid for their continual responses to fires located in Lake County and presented a resolution to Chief Gilbert. Chief Huggins presented Chief Gilbert with a challenge coin.

Allen Gobel moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 regular meeting. Motion was 2nd by Don Parson. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Lewis – aye, Parsons – aye, Turner – aye.**

The Financial Reports dated 1/31/2025 and the 1/1 – 1/31/2025 Check Register(s) were presented and discussed. Allen Gobel moved to approve the Financial Reports and Check Register listing Check # 19970-20076 out of Umpqua Bank Checking xxx1215 totaling \$163,222.78 and Check # 216-217 out of Umpqua Bank Impact Fee Fund xxx1223 totaling \$7,748.50. Motion was 2nd by Kate Dunlap. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Lewis – aye, Parsons – aye, Turner – aye.**

The updated 2024-25 Mutual Aid's Income and Expense report was presented and discussed.

Chief's Report:

- Briefed on January stats.
- Janus Solar Project will be on Colusa County Board of Supervisors Agenda for approval on 2/25/2025. The project has mitigated every concern presented to date.
- Reported that the documents for the additional one-acre parcel being donated to Authority have been signed and should be recorded within one week.
- Updated on status of apparatus repairs.

Don Parsons made a motion to nominate Gerry Nall (representing the city area), Evan Bell (representing the rural area), and Keenan Jorge (volunteer firefighter) to serve on the Authority 2025-2026 Fire Suppression and Protection Benefit Assessment Citizens' Oversight Committee. Motion was 2nd by Allen Gobel. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Lewis – aye, Parsons – aye, Turner – aye.**

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Discussion was held regarding replacement of motor for Engine 3021 (2015 International). Estimates were presented for the cost of a new engine and for the cost of a rebuilt engine. Discussion followed. Allen Gobel moved to install a new motor. Motion was 2nd by Don Parsons. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Lewis – aye, Parsons – aye, Turner – aye.**

During Board/Staff discussion it was announced that Volunteer Firefighters would be holding a Boot Drive to raise funds for the Burn Institute on February 22 and 23, 2025. Allen Gobel informed board members that the labor negotiators might request a special meeting for the negotiation process prior to the next regular board meeting

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Gary Ryan, longtime Maxwell Fire Assistant Chief at 17:58 hours.

Doug Turner, Chairperson

Jeffery Gilbert, Secretary