

WILLIAMS FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
810 E Street, Williams, California
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, February 18, 2020

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Williams Fire Protection Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1700 hours by Chairperson, Allen Gobel.

Directors Present: Allen Gobel, Robert Mendoza, Esteban Torres, John Troughton, Doug Turner

Alternates Present: Esteban Torres

Staff Present: Chief Gilbert, Kara Alvernaz, John Alvernaz, Arturo Minutti, Charlie Morrow, Paul Seaver

Other Present: Richard Shanahan (legal counsel), Bobby Alvernaz, Kent Boes, Erik Knight, Chief Cohen (Maxwell FPD)

Chairman Gobel announced that Chief Gilbert has requested that agenda item 8. a. be heard and considered in open session and that there therefore will be no closed session.

John Troughton moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 regular meeting. Motion was 2nd by Robert Mendoza. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Mendoza – aye, Torres – aye, Troughton – aye, Turner – aye.**

The Financial Reports dated 2/14/20 and the 1/18/20 – 2/14/20 Check Register were presented and discussed. John Troughton moved to approve the Financial Reports and Check Register listing Check # 14902 – 14959 out of Umpqua Bank Checking xxx1215 totaling \$56,211.28. Motion was 2nd by Doug Turner. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Mendoza – aye, Torres – aye, Troughton – aye, Turner – aye.**

The updated 2019 Strike Team/Contract Fire Reimbursement Report was presented.

Chief's Report:

- The January 2020 Stats were presented. Reported on recent structure fire in attic of residential home.
- Reported that firefighters trained with Burn Trailer provided by CSFA Grant and that a training instructor was injured at the training.
- Updated on status of California Fire Assistance Agreement.

John Troughton made a motion to nominate Gerry Nall (representing city area), Evan Bell (representing rural area) and Keenan Jorge (volunteer firefighter) to serve on the Authority 20/21 Fire Suppression and Protection Benefit Assessment Citizens' Oversight Committee. Motion was 2nd by Esteban Torres. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Mendoza – aye, Torres – aye, Troughton – aye, Turner – aye.**

Discussion was held regarding moving Authority Board meeting time from 1700 to 1730 hours. All board members agreed. A resolution will be presented for adoption at March meeting.

John Troughton stated that he had received correspondence that contained a complaint about Chief Gilbert, and that the correspondence had been distributed to the other directors for their review. The correspondence wasn't addressed to the Authority, therefore, it wasn't a formal complaint directed to Authority. Discussion was held and comments made concerning the correspondence by board members, legal counsel, firefighters, Chief Gilbert and Chief Cohen. Upon completion of discussion, no action was taken.

During Board/Staff Discussion:

- Chairman Gobel thanked all who showed up to support Chief Gilbert.
- Kara Alvernaz reminded board members that 700 Forms are due.
- Kara Alvernaz announced that bi-annual state mandated board member training sponsored by Golden State Risk Management Authority will be held on April 23rd and May 20th.
- Chief Gilbert announced that the Ordinance to adopt local amendments to building standards in the 2019 California Fire Code will be introduced at the March board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1818 hours.

Allen Gobel, Chairperson

Jeff Gilbert, Secretary