

WILLIAMS FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
810 E Street, Williams, California
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, March 21, 2022

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Williams Fire Protection Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1730 hours by Vice-Chairperson, Allen Gobel.

Chief Gilbert administered the Oath of Office to Jeremiah Karlonas, Williams Volunteer Firefighters Association Alternate Representative to serve on the Authority Board.

Directors Present: Allen Gobel, Kelly Lewis, Don Parsons
Alternates Present: Rex Mayes, Jeremiah Karlonas
Staff Present: Chief Gilbert, Kara Alvernaz, John Alvernaz,
Other Present: None

Kelly Lewis moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 regular meeting. Motion was 2nd by Don Parsons. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 2 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Lewis – aye, Alternate Mayes – aye, Mendoza – absent, Parsons – aye, Turner – absent.**

The Financial Reports dated 2/28/2022 and the 2/1 – 2/28/2022 Check Register were presented and discussed. Don Parsons moved to approve the Financial Reports and Check Register listing Check # 16797 – 16869 out of Umpqua Bank Checking xxx1215 totaling \$489,904.58. Motion was 2nd by Rex Mayes. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 2 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Lewis – aye, Alternate Mayes – aye, Mendoza – absent, Parsons – aye, Turner – absent.**

The updated 2022 Mutual Aid Reimbursement Report was presented and discussed.

Chief's Report:

- The February 2022 Stats were presented. Briefed on recent calls.
- Reported that the City of Williams has approved using Covid-19 funding to purchase EMS Jackets for each firefighter and to reimburse for medical supplies.

Board members were given a written report from the Williams Fire Protection Authority Fire Suppression and Protection Services Assessment District Citizens' Oversight Committee. The committee consists of Evan Bell, Keenan Jorge and Gerry Nall. The committee recommended increasing the assessment rate by 3% for 2022-2023. Current rate is \$87.82 per single Family Equivalent (SFE). 2022/2023 rate calculations were presented along with a proposed 2022/2023 preliminary operating budget. Discussion followed. Rex Mayes moved to increase the assessment rate by 3%, from \$87.82 to \$90.45 per SFE. Motion was 2nd by Kelly Lewis. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 2 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Lewis – aye, Alternate Mayes – aye, Mendoza – absent, Parsons – aye, Turner – absent.**

The 2022/2023 Preliminary Operating Budget was presented and discussed. Kelly Lewis moved to adopt the 2022/2023 Preliminary Operating Budget of \$1,082,838. Motion was 2nd by Don Parsons. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 2 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Lewis – aye, Alternate Mayes – aye, Mendoza – absent, Parsons – aye, Turner – absent.**

Board Members were given a draft Drug-Free Workplace and Testing Policy as prepared by legal counsel. Chief Gilbert asked board members to look it over and get back to him with any comments or questions. The policy will be on the April agenda for adoption.

The meeting was adjourned at 1802 hours.

Allen Gobel, Vice-Chairperson

Jeff Gilbert, Secretary