

WILLIAMS FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
810 E Street, Williams, California
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

MINUTES

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

Directors Present: Kate Dunlap, Allen Gobel, Kelly Lewis, Don Parsons
Alternates Present: Nick Mayes
Staff Present: Kara Alvernaz, John Alvernaz, Bobby Alvernaz, Ben Mayes
Other Present: None

Kate Dunlap moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026 regular meeting and the February 9, 2026 special meeting. Motion was 2nd by Kelly Lewis. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 1 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Karlonas – absent, Lewis – aye, Parsons – aye.**

The Financial Reports dated 1/31/2026 and the 1/1 – 1/31/2026 Check Register(s) were presented and discussed. Kelly Lewis moved to approve the Financial Reports and Check Register listing Check # 21134-21228 out of Umpqua Bank Checking xxx1215 totaling \$153,953.82 and Check # 238-239 out of Umpqua Bank Impact Fee Fund xxx1223 totaling \$25,068.15. Motion was 2nd by Kate Dunlap. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 1 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Karlonas – absent, Lewis – aye, Parsons – aye.**

Kate Dunlap moved to renew the Certificate of Deposit with Tri-Counties Bank for 3 months ending 5/22/2026. Motion was 2nd by Don Parsons. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 1 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Karlonas – absent Lewis – aye, Parsons – aye.**

The updated 2025-26 Mutual Aid's Income and Expense report was presented and discussed.

Chief's Report – A written Chief's Report was included in board packets as Chief Gilbert was not present at the board meeting.

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 2026-2027 Fire Suppression and Protection Benefit Assessment Citizens' Oversight Committee. Motion was 2nd by Kelly Lewis. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 1 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Karlonas – absent, Lewis – aye, Parsons – aye.**

A written report was received from Chief Gilbert regarding disposition of Utility 21 – 2017 Ram 2500. Chief Gilbert reported that Hoblit Ford offered \$12,500 for a trade in on it. A motion was made by Kelly Lewis to declare the 2017 Ram 2500 pickup surplus property and trade it in on a new command vehicle. Motion was 2nd by Don Parsons. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 1 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Karlonas – absent, Lewis – aye, Parsons – aye.**

A written report was received from Chief Gilbert recommending purchasing a 2026 Ford F250 Pickup from Hoblit Ford to replace the 2017 Ram 2500. Cost would be \$55,137.46. Estimate cost for lighting and installation of radios is approximately \$15,000.00. A motion was made by Kelly Lewis to purchase the 2026 Ford F20 command vehicle from Hoblit Ford under the State of California Bid Concessions. The project cost after deducting the trade in of the 2017 Ram 2500 and including \$15,000 for lights and radios will be \$57,637.46. Motion was 2nd by Don Parsons. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 1 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Karlonas – absent, Lewis – aye, Parsons – aye.**

Kelly Lewis moved to commit the funds received from the sale of the 2006 Peterbilt Water Tender to the California Class Capital Equipment Replacement Fund. Motion was 2nd by Don Parsons. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 1 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Karlonas – absent Lewis – aye, Parsons – aye.**

The meeting was adjourned at 17:55 hours.

Allen Gobel, Chairperson

Kara Alvernaz, Financial Officer