

WILLIAMS FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
810 E Street, Williams, California
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, March 18, 2024

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Williams Fire Protection Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 1730 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, Mary Pineda, John Alvernaz

Other Present: Rex Mayes

Allen Gobel moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 regular meeting. 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 Financial Reports dated 2/29/2024 and the 2/1 – 2/29/2024 Check Register were presented and discussed. Allen Gobel moved to approve the Financial Reports and Check Register listing Check # 18814 – 18897 out of Umpqua Bank Checking xxx1215 totaling \$136,865.88. 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.**

The updated 2023-24 Mutual Aid Reimbursement Report was presented and discussed.

Chief's Report:

- Briefed on total calls and recent incidents.
- Announced that AMR Ambulance Service will be providing their services in Colusa County beginning April 1, 2024.
- Reported on recent attendance at the COA Training, Burn Trailer, and Engine Boss Training.
- Announced that layoff notices will be sent out to SAFER grant-funded firefighters and that a new application will be submitted to FEMA in an attempt to continue funding for a second full-time firefighter position.

Kara Alvernaz informed board members that the Citizens' Oversight Committee postponed their meeting.

The Board was given a Benefit Assessment Rate History Report, which included the current SFE rate of \$93.16. The report highlighted a proposed 3% increase rate to the SFE unit, which would increase the rate to \$95.95. After discussion of the board, Kate Dunlap made a motion to increase the SFE unit from 3% to 4%, which would increase the rate to 96.89 per SFE unit. 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.**

The 2024/2025 Preliminary Operating Budget was presented and discussed. Kate Dunlap moved to adopt the 2024/2025 Preliminary Operating Budget of \$1,092,244.00. 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.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1810 hours.

Doug Turner, Chairperson

Mary Pineda, Secretary