

WILLIAMS FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
810 E Street, Williams, California
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, April 15, 2024

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Williams Fire Protection Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 17:31 hours by Chairperson, Doug Turner.

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

Alternates Present: Jeremiah Karlonas

Staff Present: Chief Gilbert, Kara Alvernaz, Arturo Minutti

Allen Gobel moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2024 regular meeting. Motion was 2nd by Kate Dunlap. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 1 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Lewis – absent, Alternate Karlonas – aye, Parsons – aye, Turner – aye.**

The Financial Reports as of 4/30/2024 and the 4/1 – 4/30/2024 Check Register were presented and discussed. Allen Gobel moved to approve the Financial Reports and Check Register listing Checks # 18898 – 18977 out of Umpqua Bank Checking xxx1215 totaling \$129,319.02 and Check # 205 out of Umpqua Bank Impact Fee Fund xxx1223 totaling \$3,200. Motion was 2nd by Don Parsons. **Motion passed. Ayes 4 Noes 0 Absent 1 by the following vote: Dunlap – aye, Gobel – aye, Lewis – absent, Alternate Karlonas – aye, Parsons – aye, Turner – aye.**

Chief's Report:

- The March 2024 Stats were presented. Reported on recent incidents.
- Reported that the FEMA SAFER Grant application was submitted. If awarded, it will allow to rehire 4 firefighters that are scheduled to be laid off in August 2024.
- Announced that Vann and associates are donating an additional acre parcel that is adjacent to existing property on Ella Street.
- Reported that a letter was received from U.S.D.A. informing of selection for funding award of \$3,790,000 for future fire station and briefed on the application process.
- Announced that he will be attending the Fire District Associations conference.
- Reported that AMR is now providing ambulance services as of April 1, 2024.

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 2024-2025. Discussion followed and no motion to change rate from rate approved at March 18, 2024 board meeting.

Kara announced that the 2024-2025 Fire Suppression and Protection Services Assessment Engineer's Report prepared by SCI Consulting Group has been received electronically. She will distribute the engineer's report to each board member electronically.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:56 hours.

Doug Turner, Chairperson

Jeff Gilbert, Secretary