

WILLIAMS FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY
810 E Street, Williams, California
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, February 22, 2022

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: Allen Gobel, Kelly Lewis, Robert Mendoza, Don Parsons, Doug Turner

Alternates Present: None

Staff Present: Chief Gilbert, Kara Alvernaz

Other Present: John Troughton

Allen Gobel moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022 regular meeting. Motion was 2nd by Robert Mendoza. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Lewis – aye, Mendoza – aye, Parsons – aye, Turner – aye.**

The Financial Reports dated 1/31/2022 and the 1/1 – 1/31/2022 Check Register(s) were presented and discussed. Allen Gobel moved to approve the Financial Reports and Check Register listing Check # 16725 – 16796 out of Umpqua Bank Checking xxx1215 totaling \$69,063.40. Motion was 2nd by Kelly Lewis. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Lewis – aye, Mendoza – aye, Parsons – aye, Turner – aye.**

The updated 2021 Mutual Aid Reimbursement Report was presented.

Don Parsons moved to commit \$160,000 back to Umpqua Bank Capital Equipment Replace Fund. Motion was 2nd by Allen Gobel. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Lewis – aye, Mendoza – aye, Parsons – aye, Turner – aye.**

Don Parsons moved to commit \$148,000 back to Umpqua Bank Strike Team Payroll Fund. Motion was 2nd by Kelly Lewis. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Lewis – aye, Mendoza – aye, Parsons – aye, Turner – aye.**

Board members were given a copy of letter from FEMA informing that the Financial Monitoring Review of the 2019 SAFER Grant was completed and that there were no issues found.

Chief's Report:

- The January 2022 Stats were presented. Reported on recent calls.
- Updated on ambulance responses.
- Announced that the Sheriff's Department is purchasing a new CAD system which will enhance response times.
- Reported on recent training on drug safety and fentanyl.

- Reported on recent meetings regarding future developments.

Allen Gobel 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 2022/2023 Fire Suppression and Protection Benefit Assessment Citizens' Oversight Committee. Motion was 2nd by Robert Mendoza. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Lewis– aye, Mendoza – aye, Parsons – aye, Turner – aye.**

Correspondence was received from the Colusa County Auditor's office informing that the County of Colusa had purchased a parcel located within the City of Williams. The County of Colusa is tax exempt. The Auditor's Office is requesting board approval to remove the parcel from the assessment tax roll. Allen Gobel made a motion to approve removing parcel # 005-041-004-000 off the assessment tax roll. Motion was 2nd by Don Parsons. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Lewis– aye, Mendoza – aye, Parsons – aye, Turner – aye.**

John Troughton spoke about his efforts to create a coalition of small cities to seek legislation to increase sales tax and SB1 taxes each city receives. Discussion followed. Don Parsons made a motion to send a letter of support of John Troughton's efforts to create a coalition of cities to seek legislation to increase sales tax and SB1 taxes each city receives. Motion was 2nd by Allen Gobel. **Motion passed. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0 by the following vote: Gobel – aye, Lewis– aye, Mendoza – aye, Parsons – aye, Turner – aye.**

During Board/Staff Discussion:

- Chief Gilbert announced that the Williams Volunteer Firefighters Association received a conditional letter for funding to purchase the old bowling alley building.
- Doug Turner announced he wouldn't be able to attend the March board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1815 hours.

Doug Turner, Chairperson

Jeff Gilbert, Secretary