



Williamson Valley Fire District

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GENERAL SESSION MINUTES October 20, 2025

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call of Board Members

Present: Board Chairman Price; Board Members Austermiller, Harbicht, Hunter and McKelvey

4. Chief's Report and Discussion:

- a. Statistical Data, Station Information Report, Fleet Report, Project Reports, Training Reports, Report on Billing for out of District Services, Grant Progress Updates, Personnel Updates, Public Relations Update, Communications Report.**

There were 28 calls for service last month including a couple in Talking Rock. Reminder to residents to call 9-1-1 and not the fire station as it delays their response. Paramedic school will start Week 4 tomorrow. Firefighter interviews are being held with the Chief's interview on Wednesday. The plan is to hire five to fill open spots, mostly in Bagdad, with one in MFD. Orientation will start December 1 and the academy will run for the entire month. All fire restrictions have been lifted. The brush pile at Station 91 was burned off and is open again. The Bagdad engine was sent in to be serviced. The rescues needed minor repairs. Mechanics are putting a bed on the new Type 6 chassis in Bagdad but are still waiting delivery of medical beds for the two new UTVs. We have been paid for all wildland assignments except for \$38,000 that is still outstanding. It is estimated \$450,000 was brought in through wildland billing.

5. Financial Report/Review and Discussion: Monthly Financial Update and Year to Date Financials.

The Board reviewed financial reports including balance sheets, updated cash flow projections and the end of month statements on all bank and County accounts.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Accept General Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2025 WVFD Board Meeting.**
b. Approve payment of \$54,047.26 to Blue Cross Blue Shield for health insurance for WVFD, Mayer, Crown King, and Congress.
c. Approve payment of \$10,934.08 for computer h/w, s/w, and radios for changeover of dispatch system.

d. Approve payment of \$75,000 to Fire Trucks Unlimited for balance due on fire truck destined for Bagdad. To be reimbursed by FMI.

e. Approve payment of \$17,875 to Alum-live Inc for vehicle parts.

Upon a motion by Board Member Harbicht, seconded by Board Member Austermiller, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

7. Reports and Correspondence

None

8. Call to the Public and/or Firefighter Union: Comments and statements from the public and/or union members.

None

9. Old Business:

a. Discussion and possible action: Status of the Bagdad contract.

There have been a lot of contractor injuries - three times as many this year from last year. FMI put contractors in general on notice about that. Work is underway on the Steakhouse. There has been no activity on the relocation of the security gate closer to the man camp property as the individual pushing that is on leave. With an additional 2,000 people the call volume is up 40-45%. Total down in the mine that was originally four days will now go until November 12. Along with an increased call volume this month, there were multiple calls at the same time with transports out of the area requiring the private ambulance be called in for standby in town. This is expected to continue.

b. Discussion and possible action: Electrical work for the station.

Board Member Hunter received four bids for the electrical work and requested time to analyze.

This item is deferred until a special meeting on October 30 at 9:00 a.m.

10. New Business:

a. Discussion and possible action: Review costs associated with dispatch changeover.

The total costs have been about \$104,000 for the changeover. The Bagdad repeater is still to be purchased and installed, but the radio techs have not had time. They want to complete other work they are doing to improve the radio system before adding to it. Costs so far are split 50/50 between WV and Bagdad. We are billing MFD for 25% of WV's portion. Dispatch service is twice as expensive per call as the prior company.

b. Discussion and possible action: Resolution 2025-001 Review and adopt revisions/amendments to the 2018 International Fire Code.

Knox boxes are required on commercial structures. FMI is taking care of this in Bagdad. Our Fire Marshal inspected the Steakhouse remodel and explained to FMI what the Fire Code required which they agreed to. Each of our districts will adopt these changes. There is also a Knox box option for homeowners as well.

Upon a motion by Board Member Austermiller, seconded by Board Member McKelvey, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2025-001 – 2018 Fire Code revisions/amendments.

11. Future Agenda Items discussion: Board members suggest future agenda items.
Wildland costs

12. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED

Board Chairman

Board Clerk