



Williamson Valley Fire District

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GENERAL SESSION MINUTES July 20, 2026

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call of Board Members

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

Absent: Board Member Austermiller

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 27 calls for service last month. Response times are good close to the station, everything else is relative to time and distance. There were significant events at the beginning of July including major fires in MFD and an engine was moved over to Yarnell for backfill during a fire that burned a couple of outbuildings but no houses or businesses. New hire orientation just finished and Board members will see new faces here. Another fire academy is scheduled and which is also a requirement of the Bagdad contract. Stage 1 fire restrictions will be lifted at 8 a.m. tomorrow. In the bay, floors will be epoxy coated and new kitchen cabinetry installed. Work is scheduled for August 10 and apparatus can be moved back in after one week, but it can be walked on sooner so work will begin on the cabinets. At next month's meeting the Board will consider approving a bid to fix and reseal the failed asphalt with commercial grade material. The school district may have grant funding available to share in the cost.

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.

Chief Smith noted he had deposited checks that are not reflected in this month's financials but will show up next month as well as there were some deposits adjusted into last fiscal year. In answer to wages being 50% higher than last year, he explained it was from overtime, PTO, and wildland response. As of July 1st, specific expenses and revenues are broken out into separate classes making it easier to track when WV is paid back. He will look into why MFD contract fees are under what they should be and Bagdad is over.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. **Accept General Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2026 and the Executive Session Minutes of June 15, 2026**
- b. **Approve payment of \$3,573.42 to City of Prescott for dispatch services (WVFD)**
- c. **Approve payment of \$11,618.96 to City of Prescott for dispatch services (Bagdad)**
- d. **Approve payment of \$7,000 to Granite Mtn Training (WVFD)**
- e. **Approve payment of \$5,980.60 to Discount Cell for h/w & s/w & radios (WVFD)**
- f. **Approve payment of \$5,764 to Wells Fargo Business Card for misc. items**
- g. **Approve payment of \$20,092.19 to JC Cullen, dba Niles Radio for electronics for the new vehicles**
- h. **Approve payment of \$3,662.52 to Verizon Wireless mostly for modems for the new vehicles**

Upon a motion by Board Member McKelvey, seconded by Board Member Harbicht, 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.**

Chief Tunis noted his presentation at the regular meeting with FMI is similar to what is in the board packet. The content is basically the same as he previously presented just in a slightly newer, easier to present format. He will attend a meeting tomorrow which will include members from Safety and Corporate. The Fire Marshal will visit the “man” camp tomorrow to review the need for fire and emergency response closer to the camp. FMI still has not announced 2x Bagdad. Ames is the contractor for the infrastructure, roads, and bridges over canyons where mine access is needed and will have 600-800 employees moving into town.

Chief Smith added during construction there should only be construction crews in the “man” camp. There are pull through RV spaces and eventually there will be a commissary run by Bashas among other amenities. The road allowing mine traffic to bypass town will be a full scale industrial road. There was a three acre brush fire at the back side of the Sycamore Trailer Park. Welding on a fence caught brush on fire. Fire breaks created after the last fires worked well. The Bagdad BC vehicle has broken down three times in three weeks. It was supposed to be on a three to five year replacement schedule but is now at eight years. It is currently out of service waiting on parts. BCs are using an old pickup truck normally available for wildland assignments.

10. New Business:

- a. **Discussion and possible action: Motion to adopt the 2024 International Fire Code with amendments**

Fire Marshal La Greca is attending the meeting via phone if there are any questions.

Upon a motion by Board Member Harbicht, seconded by Board Member Hunter, the Board unanimously approved adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code with amendments.

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

Bagdad BC vehicle

Asphalt bids

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVED

Board Chairman

Board Clerk