



# WILLIAMSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Trustees: President: Matt Lee Secretary: David Anderson Treasurer: Rusty Baker  
Board Member: Gary Hill Board Member: Tracy Emery Fire Chief: Jeremy Norris

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 13, 2024

Dial in phone number: 1-970-474-9996 Conference ID: 016803

A regular meeting of the Trustees of the Williamson County Fire Protection District was held February 13, 2024, at Station Six, located at 3232 South Park Avenue, Herrin, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by the president, Matt Lee.

Trustees present were as follows: Matt Lee, David Anderson, Joe Hale and Rusty Baker and Tracy Emery. Also present was Chief Jeremy Norris, Batt. Chief, Eric Miller and Lt. Austin Kern.

A motion was made by David Anderson and seconded by Tracy Emery to approve the agenda. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by Rusty Baker and seconded by Tracy Emery to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A Treasurer's Report by Rusty Baker listed the following balances on January 31, 2024:

\$ 146,888.21	General Fund Checking Account	First Southern Bank
\$ 78,953.82	Prepaid Insurance	
\$ 2,665.23	Baird MM	
\$ 6,526.66	LPL Financial Cash	
\$ 246,000.00	Baird	
\$ 521,000.00	LPL Financial	

### Total Current Assets

**\$ 1,002,033.92**

### **Non Current Assets**

\$74,000.00	Prospect Capital Bond 3% due 3/5/2026
\$59,000.00	General Motors Financial Bond 4% due 4/20/2026
\$77,000.00	CGM Mid-Term 5.6% 1-31-25

Total Assets: **\$ 1,212,033.92**

A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Matt Lee and seconded by David Anderson. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Rusty Baker and seconded by Tracy Emery to pay the expenses. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

The board welcomed new board member Joe Hale. A motion by David Anderson and seconded by David Anderson confirms that Mr. Hale will finish the term of Gary Hill who has recently retired from the board. That term will expire April 30, 2026. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by Tracy Emery and seconded by Matt Lee appointing Joe Hale to the WCFPD Pension Board. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by rusty Baker and seconded by David Anderson to add Joe Hale to the WCFPD financial institutions. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by Matt Lee and seconded by Joe Hale to retain Cindy Bobell to prepare the 2023 audit. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by Joe Hale and seconded by Tracy Emery to accept the bid from Baker & Sons Plumbing in the amount of \$6,304.57 for water service at Station 4. This was due to a severe underground water leak. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

Chief Norris advised the board that due to one Battalion Chief’s injury he has added other personnel to cover the shifts.

A motion was made by Tracy Emery and seconded by Joe Hale approving the staffing plan for the April 8, 2024 Eclipse. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by Tracy Emery and seconded by David Anderson to change the March 12, 2024 board meeting to March 7, 2024. The motion carried with all members voting yes.

**Chief’s Report for: January 2024  
Firefighters responded to: (39) Thirty-Nine calls**

Week Ending	1/7/24	1/14/24	1/21/24	1/28/24	2/4/24	Total
(11) Structure Fire	1	3	5	2	2	13
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire		1			2	3
(14) Natural vegetation fire	1				2	3
(15) Outside rubbish fire	1			1		2
(31) Medical assist		1	2	1	1	5

(32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	1	2	1	4	
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks	1		1	2	
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem		1	1	2	
(60) Good intent call, other		1		1	
(73) System or detector malfunction			2	2	
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)			2	2	
Total	5	9	9	7	39

Mutual Aid was given or received from the following Departments – Johnston City FD (5), Herrin FD (4), LEFPD (3), West Frankfort FD (2), Cambria (2), Marion FD (2), Pittsburg FD (1), Bush FD (1) and Carterville FD (1).

- I. Personnel – Added Dylan Stowers, St#6, Dalton Crain, St#4, Lost Jackson Yates, St#6.
- II. Current Roster is 62 personnel, 54 Firefighters, 8 Explorers.
- III. Training – Finished Advanced Firefighter Technician
- IV. Community Wildfire Defense grant – Plan is progressing, Greater Egypt Planning is working on plan.
- V. IDNR Grant – No new information.
- VI. OSFM SEG Grant – No new information. Grant reading is the end of February 2024.
- VII. Health Update

**Public Comment:** None

There being no further business to come before the board and upon a motion by Rusty Baker and seconded by Tracy Emery and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.

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Matt Lee, President

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David Anderson, Secretary