

Cahaba Valley Fire & Emergency Medical Rescue District

145 Narrows Drive

Birmingham, Alabama 35242

April 2, 2025

MINUTES

Roll Call- Grant Wilkinson, Tara Hill, Barry Clemmons, Ron Coblentz, Bill Stainback

Chief Buddy Wilks, Deputy Chief John Yancey, Capt. Russ Bradley, Capt. Barry Casey

Adoption of the Outstanding Minutes - Mr. Coblentz made a motion to approve the outstanding minutes, which was seconded by Mrs. Hill, and the motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of the Agenda - Mr. Coblentz made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Mrs. Hill, and the motion passed unanimously.

Remarks, inquiries, and requests from citizens- None present

Report from the Fire Chief

- Presented the Operations Report (See attached report or website “Incidents”
- Brush Truck- The Department has purchased and taken delivery of a 2025 Chevrolet 2500 4x4 pickup truck. This truck will be equipped with a skid unit, including a water tank and pump, as well as wildland and brush tools and equipment.
- Working on the budget- Have begun working on the FY2026. Working on income projections.

Financial Report

Committee Report

- Financial
 - Audit
- Equipment
 - Fire Apparatus – Review of manufacturers- We are Still reviewing specifications on trucks and working to make a decision on which manufacturer to choose.
 - Ambulance - We are expecting delivery in April 2025 but have not received confirmation.
- Policy
 - Lexipol - Continuing to review policies and releasing them to personnel.
- Fire Marshal Report
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 - WUI- FF Foshee and Lt. Welsh attended a wildland fire conference in Kansas City last week. They are working to adapt the information to fit our district. We will begin releasing information in the coming months.

Unresolved Business

- Billing Software- Software is nearing completion. The business office has been running dual entries in the old and new systems for comparison. We have been running live data in the system for 3 weeks. We expect to run the FY2026 billing cycle from the new system.
- Financial Plan – Railing for outside steps complete
- Fire Station Contract – Signed and sent to architect

New Business

- NEW - Update on Upcoming Residential Developments: Issacs Gap, The Falls, and Apartments on Highway. All have shown progress and should begin development in the coming months.
- NEW - The Chief has been approached by a developer about gaining access to Highway 280 via Station 181's traffic light. The developer was informed that it would be challenging to do so because traffic could interfere with the fire department's emergency access to Highway 280, and we already have limited parking.
- Annual Fire Dues Increase- The board discussed the rising cost needs of the district. [Insert reason for increase] Mr. Clemmons made a motion to increase the fire district service fees by 5%, Mrs. Hill seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Resolution to change meeting date - It was decided that it was not necessary because it is already covered in public meeting rules and our bylaws.

Submitted by: _____

Approved by: _____