



**WEBER FIRE DISTRICT  
2023 WEST 1300 NORTH  
FARR WEST CITY, UTAH  
October 11, 2022**

Members Present:	Kevin Ward, Chair Boyd Ferrin, Treasurer Ryan Hill Scott VanLeeuwen	Mike Hancock, Vice Chair Val Heiner Dan Ianniello
Members Absent:	Richard Sorenson	Rob Vanderwood
Others Present:	Paul Sullivan, Fire Chief David Reed, Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal 'Andrea Fiske, District Clerk Amy Hugie, Attorney	Britt Clark, Deputy Chief Cody Draheim, Division Chief Jolene Whipple, Office Manager Jared Taylor, Deputy Fire Marshal

1. Board Chair, Kevin called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mike.
3. Opening Ceremony offered by Val.
4. Public comments: None
5. Approval of September 13, 2022, minutes.
  - Motion to approve made by Scott, second by Mike. All members vote aye – unanimously approved.
6. Presentation and approval of the financial report
  - Presented by Boyd
  - ~77.53% of the year has expired
  - Impact Fees – 65.5%
  - Payroll – 74.6%
  - Wildland Revenue – 83.3%
  - Total General Fund Expenditures – 71.3%
  - Special Revenue – 58.4%
  - Wildland Expenditures - 82.1%.
    - Motion to approve made by Val, second by Boyd. Roll call vote: Scott, Dan, Val, Boyd, Mike, Ryan, Kevin – all members vote aye. Unanimously approved.
7. Presentation and approval of the Following Action Items:
  - Resolution 13-2022 Approving Master Services Agreement with Life Safety Inspection Vault, LLC
  - Presented by Chief Reed
  - A new compliance reporting and tracking system for businesses.
    - Motion to approve by Boyd, second by Val. Roll call vote: Ryan, Mike, Boyd, Val, Dan, Scott, Kevin - all members vote aye. Unanimously approved.
8. Review and Approval of the Amended By-Laws
  - Presented by Chief Sullivan
  - The by-law change restructures the roles and requirements of the Deputy Chiefs and the Fire Marshal.
    - Motion to approve by Boyd, second by Dan. – Roll call vote: Ryan, Mike, Boyd, Val, Dan, Scott, Kevin. All members vote aye. Unanimously approved.

9. Review and Approval of the Amended Rules and Regulations:

- 102.07 - Fire Marshal – will work under the Deputy Chief
  - Motion to approve by Mike, second by Val – all members vote aye. Unanimously approved.
- 102.10 – Captain – Job description skipped number 10. Renumbered.
  - Motion to approve by Boyd, second by Mike – all members vote aye. Unanimously approved.
- 105.00 - Surviving Spouse Trust Fun numbered wrong and already had a designated number so renumbering from 107.00 to 105.00
  - Motion to approve by Mike, second by Val. – All members vote aye. Unanimously approved.

10. Presentation and discussion of the intent to increase property taxes

- Increase of \$860,500 in property taxes
- Purpose of the Increase:
  - Addition of one Inspector position
  - Adjustment to pay scale to match wage study
- The approximate percentage increase for an average Weber County home value of \$633,000 is 8.5% or \$31.70 per year.
- The approximate percentage increase for an average Weber County business value of \$633,000 is 8.5% or \$57.63 per year.
- If the proposed budget is approved, Weber Fire District would increase its property tax budgeted revenue by 8.5% above last year's property tax budgeted revenue excluding eligible new growth.
- Discussion on the wage study led by Chief Clark. The independent wage study supported the increase.
- Discussion on budget and the paramedic program led by Chief Clark, in discussion with the county to rework the contract.
- 'Andrea presented the Proposed Tax Increase for 2023 Ad that will go in the newspapers and on public sites. Recommended that each of the Board members print it out and have it available to their citizens.
- Boyd – had to leave but wanted to let everyone know he appreciates everyone, and their hard work, and all the programs Weber Fire District is putting on for the communities. Fire Ops 101 and the Open House. (6:25 p.m.)
  - Motion to approve by Scott, second by Ryan. All members vote aye. Unanimously approved.

11. Set a Public Hearing for November 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. for Discussion and Approval of the tax increase

- Presented by Chief Clark
- \$47,000 increase from the original quote, larger than originally anticipated increase in paramedic wages.
- Requested the County increase the paramedic contract which should help offset the increase. Commissioners were receptive and we feel confident they will get an increase.
- 'Andrea presented the notice of the proposed tax increase ad that will run in the newspaper and tax notices. Notice says November 8<sup>th</sup>, Agenda says November 9<sup>th</sup>. Amend to reflect November 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Motion to approve by Mike, seconded by Val for November 8, 2022- roll call vote: Ryan, Val, Mike, Dan, Scott, Kevin. All members vote aye. Unanimously approved.

12. Administration Report

- Chief Sullivan – Fire Ops 101 amazing program and a lot of work and effort. Open House was a huge success, a lot of kudos to the people that worked hard to make it happen. Station 66 and Training Officers have done a fantastic job of creating a training facility. Showed video highlights for both events. The awards banquet is next Thursday night, October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Deputy Chief Clark – Fire Ops 101 talked about the scenarios and the union members that volunteer their time, it's a lot of work but a great time.
- Deputy Chief Reed – Snowbasin is moving forward. Nordic Valley called and wanted to discuss a ladder truck, Chief Reed said he will work with the District and help fund half of the truck. Has a meeting to talk about the fire station at Powder Mountain. Growth out West will hopefully reduce the overall impact on taxpayers.
- EMS Division Chief Cody Draheim – We got the CPR Lucas device that Firehouse Subs donated, they will reach out to schedule a media event. We will let you know the date and time when we finalize them.
- Fire Marshal Jared Taylor – Thank you for your support and your support of the Chiefs, you don't get enough recognition. Weber has a great culture and family that you don't get to see and that in part is due to the Board's support of the Chiefs and the District.

13. Board Presentations

- Scott – Happy to be here, thanks to everyone.
- Val – Thank you, everyone is always so professional.
- Mike – Thanks for all you do. Good job in taking care of your employees.
- Ryan – Thanks for the quick response to the traffic accident in Hooper. My only disappointment was in the speed of the Weber County Sheriff's response time.
- Amy – Happy to be here.
- Kevin – Thank you, staff, and all the admin for all the hard work put into this. Appreciate the Board's support on this wage increase, we need to put our money where our mouth is, be competitive and keep our crews.

14. Adjournment – motion to adjourn made by Val, second by Ryan.

- Adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting is Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

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Kevin Ward, Chair

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Boyd Ferrin, Treasurer