

WBVFD Business Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 13th, 2026
6:30pm

CALL TO ORDER: President Bill Pierce called the meeting to order

INVOCATION: Terry Pierce gave the invocation.

There were 18 members in attendance:

Kathy Corbin	Richard Ashley	Susann Arias	Keith O'Donnell
Bill Pierce	Terry Pierce	John Hapka	Ron Stone
Greg Gummelt	Shane Bailey	Darin Giessinger	David Wood
Hugh Corbin	Jerry Arias	Kevin Watson	Guin McGinnis

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A motion to approve the minutes of March 9th, 2026, business meeting that was emailed to the membership by Secretary Kathy Corbin, was made by Darrin Giessinger and seconded by Guin McGinnis. All approved. Motion passed.
- Treasurer Greg Gummelt gave the treasurer's report. Some totals were not correct due to problem with QuickBooks program; they will be corrected for May totals. A motion to approve the treasurer's report ending March 31st, 2026, was made by Ron Stone and seconded by Shane Bailey with corrections shown in minutes. All approved. Motion passed.
 - Checking Account: \$234,519.07
 - Balance of ESD1 and ESD2 account: \$3494.31
 - Edward Jones Treasury account: **\$52,879.86 (corrected total)**
 - The total cash listed on Cash Balances page is incorrect, it does not include Edward Jones. The correct total should be \$291,093.24 and will be corrected in April totals.
 - Budget shows \$130,338 due to expecting the POA contribution of \$30,000.00 but was not received in March, should reflect on April financials next month.
 - No grant reimbursement funds were received.
 - Auto Payment shows negative \$264 because it was expected to start but has not.
 - \$18,000 was given to Neel Fire Trucks as down payment for adding the new slip-on unit that is part of a Texas Forest Grant of \$45,000.00
 - Bill added that there will be several big swings in the budget this year due to grants.
 - Financial report ending March 31st is attached.

Chief's Report

- 24 calls for service: 14 – Medical, 5 – Grass Fires, 1 – Lift Assist, 1 – Structure Fires, 1 – Fire Alarm, 1 – Lake Rescue and 1 – Dumpster Fire.
- Five members attended the Hill County Fire Fighters Assoc. annual school and received training.
- Brush truck 331 taken to Neels Fire Truck.
- CPR training was conducted by CareFlite for all personnel.
- A new training aid called a Bailout Prop was received.
- The report ending March 31st is attached.

Old Business

- WBVFD received a grant from Tx Forestry Service for \$300,000.00 for a new Tanker. Also granted \$45,000.00 for a slip-on unit for a brush truck which may be used on Brush 331. **A contract has been entered into by a company in Illinois to build the tanker.**
- FD received a third grant from the Forestry Service for firefighting equipment for \$25,000. **So far, a portable water tank for the new tanker and a small pump for the boat to assist boaters if their boat starts to flood. Along with two battery powered chain saws and a battery powered nine-inch rescue saw used to cut through garage doors.**

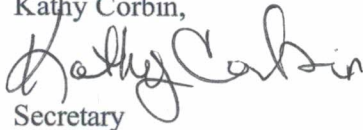
New Business

- WBVFD Rehab unit responded to the Ft Graham Church fire off of FM 2604. A huge thank you to Pizza Junction of Whitney for donating more pizzas for the firefighters.
- The POA annual meeting will be May 16th, the FD and support will be there in front displaying one of our fire trucks and handing out bags of goodies from HOTCOG 9-1-1. Anyone wishing to help fill bags on Friday May 15th at 1pm and then on Saturday, arrive at the station at 9:00am to load up van and then set up outside Mulligans. POA will provide food and water.
- Looking at October 24th, 2026 for the Fall Fundraiser.
- Terry brought up that the Ft Graham Church has a Go-Fund-Me Page but be careful as there are fake pages, you can make a donation at Peoples bank in Whitney.
- Check out the WBVFD website for updates and information on the FD: www.whitebluffvfd.com
- Bill asked members to allow the Board of Directors to take up the issue of Signature Authority on bank accounts. A motion was made by Terry Pierce and seconded by David Wood.

Hearing no additional items to be brought forth, Bill adjourned the meeting at 7:02pm.

Signed,

Kathy Corbin,



Secretary