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Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – June 09, 2021

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M. Ballenger moved to adopt the Resolution transferring \$25,000 into the Equipment Reserve Fund from the General Fund for future expenditures. June Walker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Chiefs Update** –

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Training program has been updated to allow firefighters more time with equipment while training.

A recent water rescue prompted a discussion on procuring a used boat for call response. Discussions are ensuing with LCSO with the goal of obtaining a boat in the next 18 months.

Chief noted maintenance around the walking path off Wetleau is needed and encouraged partnership with the city and homeowners to create defensible space and fire awareness. Firefighters will be taking a fire assessment tool class to work with homeowners to make their property safer.

In the approved 21-22 budget, wages were updated to reflect a COLA increase and alignment with new wage laws. If implemented July 1 the Board would need to approve the increases tonight.

John Meyers moved to approve a 3% increase for Chief Dragt. – June Walker seconded. Motion passed.

John Meyers moved to approve a 3% increase for firefighters. June Walker seconded. Motion passed.

Chief provided a call briefing including an increase in backyard burning calls. Calls for May: 11 Medical, 1 Fire Calls, 8 MVA and 9 others. Total of 30 calls.

**Board Comments – None**

**Next Meeting, July 14, 2021.**

**Adjourned – 1945hrs.**

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Board President

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Board Vice President

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Board Secretary/Treasurer

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Board Director

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