

FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

NC Commissioner of Insurance Appointment: 2 years; Fire Department Appointments: 2 years; County Commissioners Appointments 2 years: Election of Trustees in January of each year G.S. 58-84-30

BALSAM			
<i>NAME</i>	<i>APPOINTED BY</i>	<i>TERM</i>	<i>EXPIRES</i>
Randall Moss	NC Commissioner of Insurance	2 years	
Jim Givens	Fire Department	2 years	
Johnny Nicholson	Fire Department	1 year	
Vacant	County Commissioners	2 years	01-01-2026
Brian McMahan	County Commissioners	2 years	01-01-2027

CANADA			
<i>NAME</i>	<i>APPOINTED BY</i>	<i>TERM</i>	<i>EXPIRES</i>
Lynn Broom	NC Commissioner of Insurance	2 years	
James Nicholson	Fire Department	2 years	
Derrek Trantham	Fire Department	1 year	
Terry McCall	County Commissioners	2 years	01-01-2026
Darren Messer	County Commissioners	2 years	01-01-2027

CASHIERS			
<i>NAME</i>	<i>APPOINTED BY</i>	<i>TERM</i>	<i>EXPIRES</i>
Gregg Fowler	NC Commissioner of Insurance	2 years	
	Fire Department	2 years	
Brent Eason	Fire Department	1 year	
Randy Dillard	County Commissioners	2 years	01-01-2026
Phillip Farmer	County Commissioners	2 years	01-01-2027

CULLOWHEE			
<i>NAME</i>	<i>APPOINTED BY</i>	<i>TERM</i>	<i>EXPIRES</i>
Terry Ashe	NC Commissioner of Insurance	2 years	
William T. Frady	Fire Department	2 years	
Mike Ensley	Fire Department	1 year	
Leo Webb	County Commissioners	2 years	01-01-2026
Gordon Brown	County Commissioners	2 years	01-01-2027

QUALLA			
<i>NAME</i>	<i>APPOINTED BY</i>	<i>TERM</i>	<i>EXPIRES</i>
Lewis Smith	NC Commissioner of Insurance	2 years	
Kent Moore	Fire Department	2 years	
Sam Deitz	Fire Department	1 year	
John Thomasson	County Commissioners	2 years	01-01-2026
Shandell Denton	County Commissioners	2 years	01-01-2027

SAVANNAH			
<i>NAME</i>	<i>APPOINTED BY</i>	<i>TERM</i>	<i>EXPIRES</i>
Lloyd Green	NC Commissioner of Insurance	2 years	
Ronnie Buchanan	Fire Department	2 years	
Cale Wilson	Fire Department	1 year	
Chris Cabe	County Commissioners	2 years	01-01-2026
Toby Moore	County Commissioners	2 years	01-01-2027

Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees

Balsam-Willets-Ochre Hill Volunteer Fire Department has requested to appoint **Steve Carpenter.**

Canada Volunteer Fire Department has requested to reappoint **Terry McCall.**

Cashiers-Glenville Volunteer Fire Department has requested to reappoint **Randy Dillard.**

Cullowhee Volunteer Fire Department has requested to reappoint **Leo Webb.**

Qualla Volunteer Fire Department has requested to reappoint **John Thomasson.**

Savannah Volunteer Fire Department has requested to reappoint **Chris Cabe.**

Balsam-Willets-Ochre Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

P.O. Box 291 Balsam, NC 28707



December 1, 2025

Jackson County Board of Commissioners
401 Grindstaff Cove Road
Sylva, NC 28779

Re: Appointment of Steve Carptenter as Trustee of Balsam-Willets-Ochre Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., Fireman's Relief Fund Board.

Chairman Letson and Commissioners,

Harold Parks served faithfully for many years as a Trustee on the Balsam-Willets-Ochre Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., Fireman's Relief Fund Board. He recently died while still an active member of the Balsam-Willets-Ochre Hill Volunteer Fire Department.

The Balsam-Willets-Ochre Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Board of Directors met on Monday evening, December 1, 2025, and voted to recommend to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners that Jackson County appoint Steve Carpenter to serve as a Trustee on the Balsam-Willets-Ochre Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Fireman's Relief Fund Board for a two-year term beginning in January of 2025, replacing Mr. Parks. Mr. Carpenter has served the Balsam Fire Department for 38 years and was recently elected to the Board of Directors.

I appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully,

Brian Thomas McMahan
Chief