

# CEDAR HAMMOCK FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

**DATE: April 12, 2012**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Flynn at 6:00 p.m. The following Commissioners were present:

Dee Bennett, Vice Chairman  
Dan Brunner, Secretary  
Mike Holderness, Commissioner  
Steve Litschauer, Commissioner

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

The invocation was given by Pastor Stan, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

Shannon Flick, with M.D.A., presented a plaque to Cedar Hammock and our M.D.A. Coordinator Lieutenant Brett Pritchard for the department's participation in the Annual Boot Drive, and the department raised \$4,118.00.

Members of 'B' Shift received the People's Choice Award at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Rib Cook-off held at the Philippi Mansion in Sarasota.

A certificate was received from Suzanne Cripe, with Easter Seals – Program Rainbow, thanking Cedar Hammock for our support throughout the year.

Chief Stulce presented Battalion Chief Alex Lobeto with his Chief Fire Officer Certificate.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS (limited to 2 minutes)**

There were no public comments.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Grant Update (Chief Stulce)**  
Chief Stulce gave a brief update on the grant for the portable radios. The Department will purchase 7 portables & 15 mobile radios with the grant. The department will be reimbursed 80% of the total cost.
- **Surplus Equipment (Division Chief Permane)**  
The board agreed to accept the bid of approximately \$5,600.00 for the air packs. The not for profit Terry Farrell Fund will be contacted for donating the remaining surplus items, (radios and thermal imagers).
- **Command Vehicle (Chief Stulce)**  
The new Command Vehicle is on display and available for commissioner to view after the meeting.
- **Audit Follow-up (Division Chief Center)**  
Division Chief Center reported the HIS Plan is part of our Audit. We received a satisfactory report, and a revision was done and presented to the Board at the last meeting, at which there was not a full board present. **A motion was made by Commissioner Litschauer to approve the amendments, which was seconded by Vice Chairman Bennett and unanimously carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Discussion on May's Public Hearing – Rates (Chief Stulce)**  
Commissioners discussed upcoming rates for the Public Hearing in May.

- November Election – Commission Seats - #1, #3, & #5 (Chief Stulce)  
Chief Stulce reported that Commission Seats #1, #3, & #5 are up for election.
1. Budget Amendments & Resolution 2012-02 – 2011/2012 Budget Revision – (Division Chief Center)  
Division Chief Center gave a brief overview of the Audit and Budget Amendments. **A motion was made by Commissioner Litschauer to approve the Budget Amendments and Resolution 2012-02 for the 2011/2012 Budget Revision, which was seconded by Commissioner Brunner and unanimously carried.**
  2. Bank of America – Loan Refund (Chief Stulce)  
Refund check was received from Bank of America regarding a paid loan.

### COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Bennett stated she attended the Manatee County Fire Commissioners Association meeting and was impressed to hear about the Citizens Fire Academy that was held at the West Manatee Fire Department. She indicated the next Citizens Fire Academy is scheduled to be held next February and it's a six week class. Commissioner Litschauer reported that he attended the Citizens Fire Academy at West Manatee Fire Department, it was an excellent class, and he recommended it to everyone. Discuss followed regarding the advantages, education, and benefits of a Citizens Fire Academy Class for the Cedar Hammock Fire District.

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### CONSENT AGENDA

*The following items are determined to be routine in nature and should be considered in a single motion. Items determined to warrant individual discussion should be removed from this list prior to the motion to adopt. Such items should be discussed separately.*

#### Minutes

March 8, 2012

#### Treasurer's Report

Financials – March, 2012

Check Register – March, 2012

#### Chief's Report

The Chief's Report was distributed with the agenda packages for information and review, along with departmental reports, copies of correspondence and news articles for information.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Bennett to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Commissioner Litschauer and unanimously carried.**

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### END CONSENT AGENDA

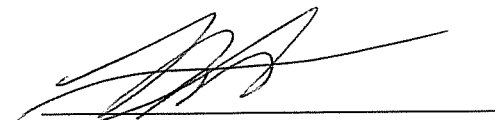
Chief Stulce announced that Firefighter Ben Anderson and his wife Casey just had a baby boy and everyone is doing well.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: May 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. (Public Hearing-Proposed Rates)**

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m., with a motion from Commissioner Litschauer, which was seconded by Vice Chairman Bennett and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Tom Flynn, Chairman