

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners
Cedar Hammock Fire Control District
January 8, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Litschauer at 6:00 p.m. The following Commissioners were present:

Chairman Steve Litschauer
Vice Chairman Dan Brunner
Commissioners Tom Flynn
Commissioner Mike Holderness
Commissioner Dee Bennett

The invocation was given by Pastor Stan Pavkovich, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Litschauer confirmed a quorum present for the meeting. The meeting was properly advertised.

CONSENT AGENDA

**ACTION: Commissioner Flynn moved to approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2014 meeting.
Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

SPECIAL BUSINESS (Chief Hoyle)

Chief Hoyle presented Heroic Act Awards to civilian Alan Baumgardner and Sergeant Cary Chapman of the Manatee County Sheriff's Department for the act of entering a burning structure and rendering aid to save a life on December 6, 2014.

Chief Hoyle presented the following certificates to personnel: Captain Ed Shumaker – Exceptional Duty, Battalion Chief Sam Collier – Fire Officer of the Year, Captain Nick Herlihy – Staff Employee of the Year, Firefighter Ryan French – Firefighter of the Year, Captain Ed Shumaker - 30 years, Captain Billy Whitfield - 25 years, Firefighter Ben Anderson - 10 years, Firefighter Michael Dunn - 10 years, Firefighter Chad Eibner – 10 years, Lieutenant Billy Smith – 10 years, Firefighter Nathan Axness – 1 year, Firefighter John Eibe – 1 year, Firefighter Randal Fowler – 1 year, Firefighter Aron Kaloostian – 1 year, Firefighter Garrett Lindgren – 1 year, Administrative Secretary Tammy Hager – 1 year.

Chief Hoyle announced the promotion of Eric Center to Fire Marshal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Retired Fire Chief Randal Stulce said he was honored to be asked to attend the promotion of Fire Marshal Eric Center. He also stated that the 10th Anniversary of the dedication of Station One would be coming up in December of 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Hoyle said he will continue to work with Maggie Mooney and David Ramba on legislative issues and is expecting our Bill to be advertised February 2, 2015.

Chief Hoyle reviewed the 2015 Board Officers as contained in the exhibit. He announced Steve Litschauer as the new Chairman.

Division Chief Lobeto was successful in bidding health insurance for 2015 at approximately \$41,000 under budget.

Division Chief Lobeto is expecting to speak with the auditor for a briefing this January and hopeful for a presentation to the Board in February on the 2013/2014 Audit.

Division Chief DeChelbor announced the delivery of three new staff vehicles. We are expecting to receive the new engines in mid-March. He will make a presentation to the board next month in regard to the surplus of old vehicles.

NEW BUSINESS

Division Chief Lobeto reviewed the 69A-62 FAC Compliance Report as contained in the exhibit.

Division Chief Lobeto reviewed the draft 3-Year IT Plan. He requested Board action to surplus equipment.

**ACTION: Commissioner Flynn moved to surplus obsolete computer equipment as presented in the draft 3-Year IT Plan exhibit.
Vice Chairman Brunner seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hoyle reviewed the Chief's Report and Departmental Reports as contained in the exhibits.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Chairman Litschauer expressed congratulations to all who received certificates and awards. He complimented Division Chiefs Lobeto and DeChelbor in obtaining health insurance and purchasing vehicles under budget.

Commissioner Bennett complimented Division Chief Lobeto on his work obtaining the health insurance.

Commissioner Flynn acknowledged First Responder Week and gave thanks to all first responders, especially for the representation of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Vice Chairman Brunner gave thanks to Cedar Hammock Fire personnel. He was recently involved in a motor vehicle accident where he had to be extricated from the vehicle.

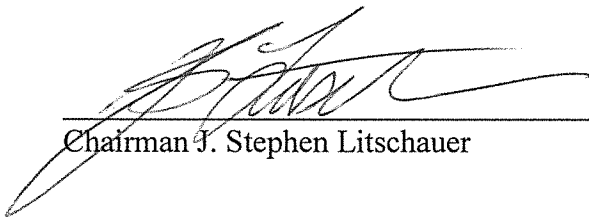
NEXT MEETING DATE

February 12, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION: Vice Chairman Brunner moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm.
Commissioner Holderness seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted:



Chairman J. Stephen Litschauer