

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners
Cedar Hammock Fire Control District
March 12, 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 Chairman Litschauer, 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 Brunner moved to approve the Minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting.
Commissioner Flynn seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL BUSINESS (Chief Hoyle)

Chief Hoyle invited Jessica Spencer, project director of the Manatee County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition to come and speak in regard to the “Your Life Matters” cards inspired by Firefighter Michael Dunn. She presented the newly printed cards. Chief Hoyle presented a Notable Outstanding Work Award to Firefighter Dunn. The award read as follows: *In Recognition of the Development of “Your Life Matters,” Providing Another Level of Caring Service to Citizens in Our Community Experiencing the Personal Crisis of Addictions.*

Chief Hoyle announced the retirements of Firefighter Zeke Eckersen on May 15, 2015 and Captain Ed Shumaker on June 31, 2015. He stated we would be conducting flag ceremonies for each.

Chief Hoyle announced the promotion of Firefighter Brant Gomez to Second Class Firefighter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Hoyle presented Cedar Hammock Fire Control District draft legislation (HB 1203) with edit marks by Maggie Mooney Portale, Esq. and reviewed the 2015 Economic Impact Statement Form for HB 1203.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Litschauer asked if there was any new business to add to the agenda.

Chief Hoyle requested an item be added to the agenda: **Parrish Fire District Draft Bill of Sale.** Chief Hoyle stated that Parrish Fire District wished to purchase a 2004 Ford Expedition surplus vehicle at \$5,000. A copy of the draft bill of sale is included in these minutes

ACTION: Commissioner Flynn moved to proceed with the sale of the 2004 Ford Expedition surplus vehicle for \$5,000 to Parrish Fire District and gave permission to Chief Hoyle to execute the bill of sale and any documents related to the transfer of title.
Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Division Chief DeChelbor announced he would be advertising the sale of the remaining two surplus vehicles to the public.

Division Chief DeChelbor reviewed the 2014 ISO Survey. He stated the District remained at a high 3 rating.

Chief Hoyle requested the Property Acquisition agenda item be removed because the property had sold. Commissioner Holderness requested to revisit this item.

Commissioner Holderness researched the recent purchase and availability of the property located at 2615 52nd Avenue Terrace West. He was able to ascertain the owner of the property might be willing to resell the property for approximately \$87,000. Discussion ensued.

ACTION: Commissioner Flynn moved to tender an offer to purchase the property located at 2615 52nd Avenue Terrace West for the sum of \$87,000.
Vice Chairman Brunner seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Holderness clarified he is not benefitting from the purchasing/acquisition of the property. This transaction is being done as an arm's length transaction.

Chief Hoyle reviewed the budget amendments as presented in the exhibit. He requested board action for Resolution 2015-01 Budget Revision – A resolution of the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District of Manatee County, Florida, amending and adopting certain budget revisions for the fiscal year 2014-2015, providing for an effective date.

**ACTION: Vice Chairman Brunner moved to adopt Resolution 2015-01 as presented.
Commissioner Bennett 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. He mentioned the application process for entry level Firefighter / EMT will be opened through March 31, 2015 through the National Testing Network. These openings will be created from two 2015 upcoming retirements.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioners complimented and thanked staff for a great job on the Open House.

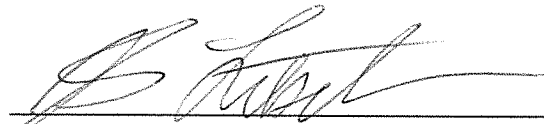
NEXT MEETING DATE

April 9, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION: Commissioner Flynn moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm.
Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted:



Chairman J. Stephen Litschauer