

**Minutes of the Public Hearing – 2014 Proposed Fire Assessment Rates and
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Fire Commissioners
Cedar Hammock Fire Control District
May 8, 2014**

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

Vice Chairman Steve Litschauer
Commissioner Dan Brunner
Commissioner Tom Flynn
Commissioner Mike Holderness

Chairman Dee Bennett was absent with good reason.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2014-04

Vice Chairman Litschauer requested the removal of Resolution 2014-04 from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Chief Hoyle reviewed Resolution 2014-04 – Changing the methodology for establishing the average annual growth rate in Florida personal income over the previous five years for increasing non-ad valorem fire assessment charges with the District for the 2014 tax year. He explained the Manatee County Fire Chief's Association had agreed to utilize the United States Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis' data. He requested the Commissioners consider utilizing this data and adopt by resolution.

**ACTION: Commissioner Flynn moved to adopt Resolution 2014-04.
Commissioner Brunner seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

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.

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**ACTION: Commissioner Brunner moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
Commissioner Flynn seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

SPECIAL BUSINESS (Chief Hoyle)

Chief Hoyle announced the promotion of Firefighter Garrett Lindgren to Third Class. Firefighter Lindgren's Battalion Chief and mentor Firefighter Charlie Childress were introduced to the Commissioners and asked to provide words of wisdom and congratulations.

Chief Hoyle presented a video of the Cedar Hammock Fire Rescue Open House held on April 12, 2014.

Chief Hoyle presented Notable Outstanding Work awards to Deputy Fire Marshal Eric Center and Training Officer Captain Nick Herlihy for their planning and organization of the Open House.

Deputy Fire Marshal Center reviewed the participants and donors of the Open House. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the following:

Donors - Winn Dixie Supermarkets, Sysco, Wayne Automatic, Terry Supply, Publix Supermarkets, Church of the Cross, Resonate Life Church, 4 Hounds Grill and A & A Auto Recycling.

Participants – Wayne Automatic, Bayflite, Division of Forestry, Manatee County EMS, Southern Manatee Fire Rescue, United States Coast Guard, City of Bradenton Fire Department, West Manatee Fire Rescue, Sarasota International Airport Fire Rescue, East Manatee Fire Rescue and Florida Highway Patrol.

PUBLIC HEARING / 2014 PROPOSED FIRE ASSESSMENT RATES

Vice Chairman requested verification of the Public Notice of the public hearing. The copy of the affidavit will be included in the minutes.

Chief Hoyle presented the proposed non-ad valorem assessments for 2014, which reflects an increase for the personal income growth rate of 2.13%

Vice Chairman Litschauer opened the public hearing for comment. There were no comments.

Vice Chairman Litschauer closed the public hearing for comments.

The Board of Fire Commissioners deliberated Resolution 2014-05 – 2014 Proposed Fire Assessment Rates.

**ACTION: Commissioner Flynn moved to adopt Resolution 2014-05 – 2014 Proposed Fire Assessment Rates.
Commissioner Holderness seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

Vice Chairman Litschauer adjourned the public hearing at 6:25 pm.

Vice Chairman resumed the Regular Monthly Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative Review

Division Chief Lobeto reviewed the recent legislative actions as contained in the exhibit. The two bills passed of concern were the FRS contribution rates and Governmental Ethics.

NEW BUSINESS

Managed Services – IT

Division Chief Lobeto requested four quotes from various IT companies to provide service to Cedar Hammock Fire Rescue. He presented a Managed Service IT Scope of Work and evaluation criteria rating synopsis. From this synopsis, the Board of Commissioners agreed to retain the services of Vology. The documentation is included in the minutes.

ACTION: **Commissioner Flynn moved to accept Vology to provide IT Managed Services to Cedar Hammock Fire Rescue.**
 Commissioner Brunner seconded the motion.
 The motion passed unanimously.

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 and information.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to personnel for the organization and participation in the recent Open House.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be held June 12, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION: Commissioner Flynn moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.
Commissioner Holderness seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted:

Vice Chairman Steve Litschauer