

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Cedar Hammock Fire Control District  
November 8, 2012**

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

Tom Flynn, Chairman  
Dee Bennett, Vice Chairman  
Dan Brunner, Secretary  
Steve Litschauer, Commissioner

Commissioner Holderness was excused from being absent from the meeting.

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

Chairman Flynn congratulated Commissioner Litschauer, Commissioner Brunner and Commissioner Bennett for being elected for another term as Fire Commissioners for the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District. The commissioners were sworn in by Administrative Assistant Parker.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

Chief Stulce presented Notable Outstanding Work (NOW) Awards to Lieutenant Troy Bercot, Firefighter Brad Jones and Firefighter James Taylor for assisting an elderly lady with a flat tire.

Chief Stulce introduced Mr. Ed Cleveland with 1-800-Board Up. Chief Stulce reported the crew on Engine 211 responded to a house fire on September 19, 2012, which resulted in some damage and the crew contacted 1-800-Board Up. Chief Stulce stated that Mr. Ed Cleveland is here to present a Good Stop Award to the crew that responded to this fire. Mr. Cleveland stated this crew did an exceptional job stopping the fire and this is the first National Good Stop Award to be presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no Public Comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Shared Facilities Agreement (Chief Stulce)**

Chief Stulce presented the amended Shared Facilities Agreement between Cedar Hammock Fire Control District and Manatee County. **A motion was made by Commissioner Litschauer to approve the amended Shared Facilities Agreement, which was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously carried.**

**2. Election of Commissioners - Board Officers - 2013**

**Chairman - Commissioner Tom Flynn  
Vice Chairman – Commissioner Mike B. Holderness  
Secretary/Treasurer – Commissioner Dan Brunner  
All other appointments/positions will remain the same.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Health Insurance Updates (Division Chief Center)**  
Division Chief Center reported Health Insurance is up for renewal January 1, 2013. The current bid received from our current carrier reflects a 19% increase in premium, and our current budget reflects a 12% increase in premium. Division Chief Center stated that if he is able to secure Health Insurance at our budgeted amount or less, he would like to get approval from the board to be able to secure that insurance package. Also, if he can negotiate favorably enough, he would like to be able to eliminate the cost sharing with the employees. He would like authorization from the Board to negotiate and secure Health Insurance at or below the budgeted amount.

A motion was made by Commissioner Litschauer to authorize staff to negotiate at the budgeted amount and to appoint Commissioner Bennett as the board liaison for the Health Insurance. Also, if the amount comes in higher than budgeted Commissioner Bennett, representing the board, will be able to approve the cost and have authorization to approve other changes if necessary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brunner and unanimously carried.

- CHFR Appreciation Dinner – Friday, December 7, 2012 (Division Chief Hoyle)  
Division Chief Hoyle reminded everyone of the Appreciation Dinner scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, December 7, 2012.

#### COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Litschauer congratulated Division Chief Center on his election as Fire Commissioner for Southern Manatee Fire Rescue. He also thanked those that helped him with his election. Commissioner Litschauer stated he would like some figures regarding salary enhancements.

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#### CONSENT AGENDA

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

##### Minutes

October 11, 2012

##### Treasurer's Report

Financials – October, 2012

Check Register – October, 2012

##### Chief's Report

The Chief's Report was distributed with the agenda packages for information and review, along with Departmental Reports, copies or correspondence and news articles for information.

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

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#### END CONSENT AGENDA

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**Chairman Flynn stated there will be no meeting held on December 13, 2012.**

**NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, January 10, 2013**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. with a motion from Commissioner Litschauer, which was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously carried.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Tom Flynn, Chairman**