

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CEDAR HAMMOCK FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
5200 26th Street West, Bradenton, Florida
October 13, 2011

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

Steve Litschauer, Chairman
Mike B. Holderness, Vice Chairman
Dan Brunner, Secretary/Treas.
Dee Bennett, Commissioner and
Tom Flynn, Commissioner

The invocation was given by Chairman Litschauer, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Training Officer Leigh Hollins recognized John Austerman from A & A Auto for his provision of vehicles for training and Joanne Manse from Bayshore Gardens Community for providing facility use and pool use for rescue training. Plaques were given to both thanking them for their efforts to enhance the training of Cedar Hammock Fire Rescue firefighters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Surplus Equipment (Division Chief Permane)**

Division Chief Permane provided a handout of surplus equipment recommended to be sold upon award of bids. The equipment included SCBAs and Portable Radios.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flynn to enable the administrative staff to disperse surplus equipment in the manner outlined, which was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and unanimously carried.

2. **Dedicated Expense Purchase (Division Chief Permane)**

Division Chief Permane provided a handout and requested board approval to purchase a command vehicle and thermal imaging cameras. He noted these items are listed in our current budget for purchase in the Dedicated Expense account. He recommended the existing command vehicle be used as a reserve command vehicle and the existing thermal imaging cameras be presented in the future as surplus equipment. He commended Battalion Chief's DeChelbor and Lobeto for their research and recommendations of the items presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flynn to accept the proposal for vehicle replacement from account #7431 in the amount of \$42,406.00 and T.I.C. replacements from account #7351 in the amount of \$46,070.00, which was seconded by Commissioner Brunner and unanimously carried.

3. **Annual Appreciation Dinner (Chief Stulce)**

Chief Stulce announced the Annual Appreciation Dinner is to be held December 9, 2011 from 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm at the Holiday Inn, Sarasota. Guests are required to pay \$30.00 each. He has secured a room rate of \$79.00. He explained how the date is rotated each year to ensure each shift has a chance to attend.

4. **CHFR/WMFR Workshop Update/Discussion (Chief Stulce)**

Chairman Litschauer began the discussion of the Cedar Hammock Fire Rescue and West Manatee Fire Rescue Workshop held on October 6, 2011. Chairman Litschauer stated that Chief Stulce had distributed a video and audio recording of a hearing that was held in Tallahassee this past week, and reported the 2012 Legislative Priorities lists an item for Special District Review. Discussion ensued in regard to merger issues that included: cost and feasibility of a special study that would determine if a merge would impose added costs or savings to tax payers, the proposed taxing methodology of the two districts, organization, advantages and disadvantages, and lack of improved level of services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunner to break off merger negotiations with West Manatee Fire Rescue, which was seconded by Commissioner Flynn. The motion was carried by a four to one vote.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

August 11, 2011

September 6, 2011

September 22, 2011

Treasurer's Report

Financials – September, 2011

Check Register – August, 2011

Check Register – September 2011

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.

Chief Stulce reviewed his report with the board.

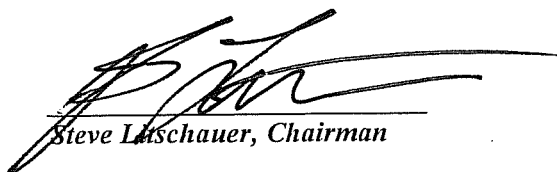
A motion was made by Commissioner Brunner to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Commissioner Flynn and unanimously carried.

END CONSENT AGENDA

Next Meeting Date – November 10, 2011

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m. with a motion from Commissioner Bennett, which was seconded by Commissioner Holderness and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Steve Litschauer, Chairman