

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners Cedar Hammock Fire Control District

November 21, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Getman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

The following commissioners were present: Richard G. Findlay, Ronald D. Getman, Marnie E. Matarese, and John H. Stevens. Commissioner Samuel A. Reasoner was absent (with good reason).

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

QUORUM

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Getman asked if there was any discussion of the minutes from September 19, 2024. There was no discussion.

ACTION: Commissioner Stevens moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Findlay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- Promotions and Awards (Chief Bradshaw)
 - Moved to take place in conjunction with Chiefs' report
 - James Bueno, presented certificate of promotion to third class firefighter
 - Nick Brzuchalski, presented certificate of promotion to third class firefighter

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Appreciation Dinner

Chief Bradshaw confirmed the 2024 Appreciation Dinner will be held at the Courtyard By Marriott Riverside Hotel on November 13, 2024, from 6:00 to 11:00 pm.

Pending Litigation Update

Chief Bradshaw informed the Board of the proceedings of the FLUEDRA hearing. The hearing started with negotiations with no resolutions. The hearing then moved to the magistrate to conduct the hearing which concluded with the magistrate to take both sides arguments into consideration and render a decision. The magistrate's decision will be passed to both parties and brought to the Board at the January meeting. Commissioner Stevens asked a question referencing what modification to the judgement the Board would make, Chief Bradshaw stated that the Board would either approve or deny the judgement.

Chief Bradshaw discussed the civil action brought to the District from the previous gas leak by the owner of the property. Insurance accepted the claim and assigned an attorney to the claim. The District's counsel filed a motion to dismiss the claim.

Sale of Surplus Engine

Deputy Chief Falcone addressed the Board that the District received an official offer and accepted the offer by Pyramid Lake Fire Rescue for \$75,000. The engine is to be picked up on December 2nd.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of 2024 Board Officers

ACTION: Commissioner Stevens moved to have all current commissioner positions remain the same. Commissioner Getman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

High Water Vehicle – Chief Bradshaw thanked Lt. Taylor for his hard work in allowing the District to acquire the highwater vehicle through the State. The highwater vehicle was delivered November 13th.

Health Insurance – Chief Bradshaw presented to the Board the new rates and that a four (4) percent increase was negotiated and accepted.

ACTION: Commissioner Matarese moved to accept the (4) percent increase and have the Fire Chief execute all documents. Commissioner Getman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Hiring - Chief Bradshaw informed the Board that the District has started the hiring process and advertising for four (4) firefighters. The advertising to end on November 27, 2024. There is a projected hire date of January 13th, 2025.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Bradshaw reviewed the reports to include the success of the Open House and the increased calls due to the hurricanes.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Matarese commended firefighters on their hard work during hurricanes. Commissioner Stevens commented that he feels this department is one of the most elite. Commissioner Findlay mentioned that he attended the Open House and commended the District.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Commissioner Getman asked the Board if they would like to cancel the December 19th meeting. The Board unanimously agreed to cancel the meeting. The next meeting will be January 16th, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Commissioner Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Getman seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0) at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED 1/16/2025

Chairman Ronald G. Getman