

**Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District
Minutes for Regular Commissioners Board Meeting
December 21, 2022**

Call to Order: Commissioner Player called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

Invocation: Commissioner DeLacey led everyone in the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Player led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioner Player, Price, Cammick, and DeLacey were present.

Assistant Chief Davis, Assistant Chief Allen, Captain Simer, Firefighter Lawyer, Accountant Renee Lynch and Attorney Sarah Spector were present. Chief Mickuleit and Admin Assistant Miles attended by phone.

Setting of Agenda: No changes to the agenda as presented. **Commissioner Cammick moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes:

1. November 16, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes **Commissioner Cammick moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurers Report: 11/12/22 – 12/16/22 Presented by Commissioner Cammick. **Commissioner Price moved to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**

Cash Disbursements: 11/12/22 – 12/16/22 Presented by Commissioner Cammick. **Commissioner Cammick moved to accept the cash disbursements as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.**

Accountants Compilation Report: Accountant Renee Lynch presented the month end report for November 30, 2022, and year-end report for September 30, 2022, **Commissioner Cammick moved to accept Accountants Compilation Reports. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioners' Expenses: None.

Guest Speakers: None.

Public Comment: Ila Valcarcel asked about the open board position and Ed Keiser commented on employees in paramedic school.

Firefighters: None.

Union: None.

Old Business:

1. **Station 2 land acquisition:** We have received the final signoff from the zoning board, and are waiting on final BOCC approval
2. **Annexation Update:** Attorney Sarah Spector gave a brief update, there has not been much change since last meeting.
3. **Hurricane Restoration Update:** Assistant Chief Allen gave an update on resources still available on the island to residence as well as the status of station repairs.

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4. Open Board Position: Given that we were not able to get the advertisement in the Eagle until this week the Board will extend the deadline until January 20th and will invite the applicants to the January Workshop (1/23) for interviews and a decision will be made at the January Regular Meeting (1/25).

New Business:

1. Board Member Health Insurance: Commissioner DeLacey brought this before the board. She feels that it is worth researching and may be a good way to get more people interested in joining the board in the future. Attorney Sarah Spector spoke to the legality of offering the Board insurance. Chief Mickuleit and Admin Assistant Miles spoke to the cost and explained the coverages. The Board asked the Chief to further research the cost to the District and update them at the next meeting.

Chief's Report:

- The Department has helped the Matlacha Hookers distribute drywall and plywood to the community through donations received by the Hookers.
- The interest rate on the money market account has increased from 2 to 3%.
- Temporary housing is on track to be delivered 12/30.
- Station repairs are on track to begin soon. Contracts have been agreed upon by both parties.
- We have received to date approximately \$4 million less in ad valorem compared to this time last year.
- DRC tent is still operational at Phillips Park.
- The District participated in the Cape Royal golf cart parade.
- Chief Mickuleit and Asst. Chief Davis attended the Upper Captiva Fire Board Meeting last week. Most of the staff has resigned.
- The Chief's have attended two Historical Board Meetings relating to the rebuilding of Matlacha. Nothing specific has come from the meetings yet.
- We had a structure fire last week. Crews did a great job!
- Asst. Chief Davis gave a brief call report
- We hosted our annual tree lighting last Friday. It was a big hit!
- We are also hosting a toy drive for families in need of toys this Christmas.
- We had two retirement parties last week. Engineer John Cook and Engineer Gerry Rossman are retiring at the end of the month.
- Administration would like to bring the option to the Board of creating a new administrative position. A service technician: this position would help to complete a couple brush truck builds and provide small engine repair as well as running errands for the department to take some time off of administration's plate. Administration believes that Gerry Rossman would fill this position well and has already discussed the opportunity with him. **Commissioner Cammick moves to create an additional administrative position, Service Technician. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**

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- With the two retirements we have two promotions to fill their place. Firefighter Tanner Peer and Firefighter Hunter O'Leary will fill the two vacant engineer spots starting the beginning of the year.
- We are getting close to deciding on bunker gear. We have been trialing a few different sets and getting the opinions from the crew.
- We have had a meeting with a FEMA reimbursement consulting firm. They are the same firm working for the County as well as other local fire departments. They will help us get the largest reimbursement possible and most if not all of their fee will be reimbursed by FEMA as well.

Public Comment: Ila Valrcarcel had a comment.

Good of the District: Kiwanis is hosting a 5k January 14th as well as Jr. Olympics on Jan. 21st.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Cammick moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Miles

District Administrative Assistant

Board Secretary