

**Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District**  
**Minutes for Special Meeting**  
**August 12, 2022**

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Player called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Dreikorn led everyone in the invocation.

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

**Roll Call:** Commissioner Player, Cammick, Dreikorn, DeLacey and Price were present. Chief Mickuleit, Assistant Chief Allen, Captain Barr, Captain Simer, and Administrative Assistant Miles were present.

**Setting of Agenda:** no changes to the agenda as presented.

**Business:**

1. **Discuss next steps in Conflict Resolution Proceedings with the City of Cape Coral:**  
The board was presented with the official transcript of the first conflict resolution meeting with the City of Cape Coral prior to this meeting. Commissioner Dreikorn led the conversation with his recollection of the meeting, since he was the board's representative. It was clear to those in the meeting with the city that they were willing to consider allowing the District to keep the ad valorem past the statutory 4 years, however they would want something in return. The suggestion of co-habitation of Station 4 was discussed between Chiefs, which would include a rescue truck from the City and at least 2 of their staff at our Station 4. There was discussion over how co-habitation would affect the day-to-day operations as well as the effect of a rescue truck vs an engine. Commissioner Player read a letter from a member of the public that the Board received via email. The concern of this constituent (living in Cape Royal) is relating to the District's staffing levels. There was discussion between the Board Members and both Captain Barr and Captain Simer. Captain Barr raised the point that there are very few fire departments that reach an ISO rating of 1 in the country. The City of Cape Coral is currently a 3 and we are a 4. Additionally, in the instance of a serious fire, we are set up with the City and other districts in the county to provide/receive mutual aid. The current proposal of adding a City of Cape Coral rescue truck to Station 4 would not resolve this community member's concerns. Commissioner Price brought up the question of automatic aid. Currently the District has a mutual aid agreement with the City, in which case, if all of our units are out or we need additional resources we can call for a unit from the City. With an automatic aid agreement, we wouldn't have to call for that backup, it would automatically be dispatched based on the parameters that we set. Additionally, we could include response guidelines for the area around Station 4 that is technically the City's jurisdiction but we are significantly closer to. There was discussion about what that boundary would look like and how much it would add to our call volume at that station. **Commissioner Dreikorn moved to delegate himself to continue negotiations with the City. This includes but is not limited to, an additional number of years of ad valorem in return for an automatic aid agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Adjournment:**

**Commissioner Price moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dreikorn.  
Motion passed unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sarah Miles*  
District Administrative Assistant

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Board Secretary