

**Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District**  
**Minutes for Regular Commissioners Board Meeting**  
**April 22, 2026**

**Call to Order:** Commissioner DeLacey called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Hernandez led everyone in the invocation

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner DeLacey led everyone in the pledge

**Roll Call:** Commissioners DeLacey, Price, and Hernandez were present. Commissioners Cammick and Player were excused.

Chief Mickuleit, Assistant Chief Davis, Assistant Chief Allen, Finance Manager Miles, and District Attorneys John Agnew and Vee Lenard were present. Captain Simer was present

Public: No public was in attendance.

**Setting of Agenda:** Commissioner Price moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

1. March 25, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes Commissioner Price moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.
2. February 18, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes Commissioner Hernandez moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:** 3/21/26 – 4/17/26 Presented by Commissioner Price.. Commissioner Hernandez moved to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.

**Cash Disbursements:** 3/21/26 – 4/17/26 Commissioner Hernandez moved to accept the cash disbursements as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.

**Accountants Compilation Report:** Finance Manager Miles presented the month end report for March 31, 2026. Commissioner Price moved to accept the Accountants Compilation Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.

**Commissioners' Expenses:** None.

**Guest Speakers:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Firefighters:** Captain Simer mentioned the excitement over the new ladder truck.

**Union:** Captain Simer spoke to DVP Barr, the union appreciates the effort that administration and Board has done.

**Old Business:**

1. **Station 2 Contract negotiations/approval:** Attorney Vee Lenoard gave a brief update. The additional funding needed from the county has been secured and the contract is down to a couple of items, which are not of much substance. Given that our deadline with the contractor is the 26<sup>th</sup> administration needs approval from the board to continue with the

contract presented, allowing for minor changes if determined needed by legal and administration. **Commissioner Price moves to give the chief and vice chair the authority to execute the contract, allowing for minor changes, not to have any financial impact on the contract as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.**

Additionally, as a part of the construction process, builder's risk insurance will need to be purchased. **Commissioner Price moved to allow administration to purchase a builder's risk policy that will meet the needs of the project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Legislation Update: It does not seem that a complete removal of property tax will be considered this year, however there seems to be traction around the increase of the homestead exemption, which would ultimately reduce the district's tax base.
3. Station 2 Tower Easement: Attorney Vee Lenord gave an update on the little progress made on this front. The next step is to have an easement relocation agreement between the District and Crown Castle. Given the time sensitivity of this in order to get the construction project underway, administration is asking for permission to execute this agreement, with review by legal. The agreement should be cut and dry, and the new easement should not differ significantly from the easement amendment that the district approved months ago. **Commissioner Price moved to allow administration to execute the agreement, with legal's approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. Amendment to Administrative Guidelines: Given the changes that will be made to the union contract after this evening's approval, administration would like the approval of the board to make matching changes to the administrative guidelines, in order to maintain consistency. **Commissioner Price moved to approve the administrative guidelines to match the changes to the union contract. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.**

**New Business:** None

**Chief's Report:**

- Elks lodge graciously donated a sonar device to the department that helps looking for flood victims called Aquaeye.
- The ladder truck was delivered; Wink News came out today to do an article about it.
- The pinning ceremony was last week.
- We have received an update from the company that performs our OPEB valuation every year. They are looking to increase their cost significantly. The board asked administration to get additional quotes.
- New hires are currently in their second week of orientation and are doing well.
- Dr. Abo's monthly in-service was focused on drowning prevention and water rescue this month.
- Given the support received from the county commissioners and the additional funding the Chief believes that a thank you letter to each of them is a good idea. The Commissioners agree, administration will draft and get to the board to sign.
- Assistant Chief Davis presented the call report for February.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Good of the District:** None.

**Executive Session:** There have been no changes from what was discussed in the previous executive session and the items being brought to the board for ratification have all been discussed. The executive session is not necessary.

**Ratification of Union Contract:** Commissioner Price moved to approve the changes tentatively agreed upon by the DVP and administration. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

Commissioner Hernandez moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sarah Miles*  
District Finance Manager

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Board Secretary