

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

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

Invocation: Commissioner DeLacey led everyone in the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Player led everyone in the pledge

Roll Call: Commissioners DeLacey, Price, Player and Hernandez were present. Commissioner Cammick arrived later in the meeting.

Chief Mickuleit, Assistant Chief Allen, Finance Manager Miles, and District Attorney John Agnew were present. Captain Simer and Engineer Saunders were present

Public: Leo Amos, Ed Keiser, and Jerry McDaniels.

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

Approval of Minutes:

1. June 22, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes Commissioner Price moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.
2. June 24, 2026, Workshop Meeting Minutes Commissioner Price moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: 6/20/26 – 7/17/26 Presented by Commissioner DeLacey.

Commissioner Price moved to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.

Cash Disbursements: 6/20/26 – 7/17/26 Commissioner Hernandez moved to accept the cash disbursements as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.

Accountants Compilation Report: Finance Manager Miles presented the month end report for June 30, 2026.

Commissioner Price moved to accept the Accountants Compilation Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners' Expenses: None.

Guest Speakers: Mr. Jerry McDaniels with the Shriners spoke about services provided by the Shriners for families with sick and injured children.

Public Comment: Leo Amos: presented the board with the high risk form for FRS members.

Firefighters: Commissioner DeLacey asked about the cause of the brush fire. Captain Simer is guessing lightning, we had some very active thunderstorms the days leading up to the fire. There was also discussion about the fire in Flamingo Bay.

Union: None.

Commissioner Cammick arrived.

Old Business:

1. Station 2 Contract negotiations/approval: Chief Mickuleit updated the board on the progress. Finance Manager Miles attended a mandatory training in Orland related to the grant.
2. Legislation Update: Attorney John Agnew updated the board on the legislation related to homestead exemption in addition to what is included on the November ballot there are changes to the budgeting process which will require a 2/3 vote to pass a millage up to 110% above the rollback rate. He is also looking into any additional requirements that will need to be implemented this year.
3. MDC Purchase Amendment: Given the amount of time between receiving the grant and being able to spend the funds the cost of the MDCs has increased passed what the board originally approved a net amount of \$30k. **Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve the MDC purchase for a net amount not to exceed \$35k. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. 115 Trust Documents for Approval: The documents are still being reviewed, and we hope to have them back next month for approval.

New Business:

1. Resolution 2026-004: Setting of the Proposed Millage Rate: Finance Manager Miles presented the Board with the total taxable value of \$2,457,094,427. Proposing a millage of 3.5700 which is 0.84% greater than the rolled-back rate of 3.7187 mills. Additionally, the proposed time and date of the tentative budget hearing is Wednesday September 9, 2026, at 5:01pm.
Public Comment: Leo Amos commented that when the board implemented the 3.75 millage rate it was to get needed equipment and the public was told that it would come back down. There hasn't been a reduction since.
Commissioner DeLacey rebutted that she is always for reducing the millage when it is feasible, which they did the year of hurricane Ian. This is just the initial setting of the millage; there will be two opportunities to reduce the millage before the final vote. **Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve Resolution 2026-004 setting the proposed millage and tentative hearing as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. Resolution 2026-005: Line of Credit Renewal: The \$1.5 million line of credit has been held by the District for many years now. This is held in case of storms that delay the receipt of ad valorem past the three months normally expected. District Attorney John Agnew would like to tweak the wording of the resolution, given that the board does not get the final paperwork prior to making this motion. He requests to add "subject to final review and execution of the renewal documents with substantially the same substantive terms as the current line of credit." **Commissioner Price moved to approve Resolution 2026-005 renewing the line of credit for fiscal year 2026/27. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**
3. Ladder Truck Equipment Purchase: Given that there are a few capital projects that will not be completed this fiscal year and that the total needed for this purchase is less than that difference, there is no budget amendment needed. Chief Mickuleit presented the memo to the board including the items discussed at the previous board meeting needed for the ladder truck operations. **Commissioner Hernandez moved to**

approve the purchase not to exceed \$15k for additional equipment for the ladder truck. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report:

- Station 3 roof has been leaking around one of the vents in the roof. We have reached out to the original company that installed the roof and there is no warranty available. We have started to get quotes, and will get at least three, however the repair needs to be completed as soon as possible. **Commissioner Price moved to allow the Chief to contract a company to repair the roof at a cost not to exceed \$10k. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Chief Mickuleit gave an overview of the three fires that have occurred over the last two weeks.
- Three additional new hires will start on August 2nd. This will get us back to full staffing.
- All three shifts participated in an active shooter scenario on the elementary school campus in conjunction with the sheriff's office.
- Captain Testing has been advertised. Captain Simer will officially retire at the end of November.
- ISO is coming soon to do the onsite visit portion of our review.
- Commissioner Hernandez forwarded information about community paramedicine to Chief Mickuleit and Assistant Chief Allen. There was discussion on what that may look like for our district. Assistant Chief Allen will do further research and bring information back to the board.
- The district applied for and received a \$5k grant from PGIT for bunker gear purchase.
- Chief Mickuleit presented the call report for June 2026.

Public Comment: Leo Amos, thinks that a thank you card should be sent to the Schriners.

Good of the District: Kiwanis pool party on August 8th.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Miles
District Finance Manager

Board Secretary