

Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District
Minutes for Regular Commissioners Board Meeting
November 15, 2023

Call to Order: Commissioner Player called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.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. Commissioner Hernandez was excused.

Chief Mickuleit, Assistant Chief Davis, Assistant Chief Allen, Administrative Assistant Miles, and Attorney Sarah Spector were present. As well as Engineer Rogowski, Firefighters Stanley, Bemis, and Baluja.

Ed Keiser was the only member of the public in attendance.

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

Approval of Minutes:

1. October 25, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes **Commissioner Price moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurers Report: 10/21/23 – 11/10/23 Presented by Commissioner Cammick. **Commissioner Price moved to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**

Cash Disbursements: 10/21/23 – 11/10/23 **Commissioner Cammick moved to accept the cash disbursements as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.**

Accountants Compilation Report: Administrative Assistant Miles presented the year end report for September 30, 2023, and the month end report for October 31, 2023. **Commissioner Price moved to accept both Accountants Compilation Reports. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioners' Expenses: None.

Guest Speakers: None.

Public Comment: No public in attendance.

Firefighters:

Union: Mark Bernard is the new DVP.

Old Business:

1. **Station 2 land acquisition:** The RFP will be advertised soon.
2. **Hurricane Restoration Update:** Station 1 and 4 will hopefully be finished within a month.
3. **Investment Options:** Attorney Sarah Spector presented a draft to the board of the options for investments. Commissioner Cammick explained what the water company has their funds invested in. Administration will get together with the bank and bring back some options to the Board in the coming months.

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New Business:

No new business.

Chief's Report:

- Admin assistant Miles presented the Statement of Work's from the auditor firm. The fee is close to the same as the previous year, and should actually be less due to the implementation of a new standard in the previous year. **Commissioner Cammick moved approve the statement of work for CLA, subject to a review by legal. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Assistant Chief Davis gave a brief update on training.
- Assistant Chief Davis gave an update on the ladder truck focus group.
- Chief Mickuleit updated the Board on a possible piece of legislation that will be coming before the Lee County Legislative Delegation, at their meeting on the 30th. There is a proposal to dissolve Fort Myers Beach Fire into both Bonita and Iona McGregor. We will update the board as we know more.
- Our general liability insurance has increased again this year. Commissioner Price asked if that was something we could shop. Chief responded that there are only a few companies that write for fire departments and given our recent claims we would have not gotten much better elsewhere. We can discuss it with our insurance broker next year.
- Assistant Chief Allen presented a maintenance agreement for our Zoll monitors. Given their annual need for service this agreement will give us additional protection. The price for this will fall into repair and maintenance.
- Station 3's alarm panel is in need of repair or replacement. We have received quotes from one company for replacement or repair and are working on additional quotes. The concern with just a repair, that does not include all of the hardware throughout the station, which could go at any time as well. The quote to replace everything with new was close to \$40,000. **Commissioner Price moved to authorize the Chief to spend up to \$40,000 for the replacement of the fire alarm system at Station 3. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**
- The district participated in multiple Halloween events in October.
- The stone crab fest was last weekend. We had a crew there for safety and even had a couple calls that resulted from it.
- The District will hold its Annual Tree Lighting on December 15th, 2023. Time is TBD.
- So far for the month of December the District will be participating in two golf cart parades, 2 boat parades, and 2 holiday events.
- The new date for delivery of the new engine is June of 2025. However, Rev has guaranteed us that they will cover any necessary repairs to the spare engine between now and until we receive our new engine so that we can keep it running.
- Assistant Chief Davis presented the P.O. for the new electronic KNOX keys. This is a budgeted item, but is over the \$7,500 threshold and therefore needs final Board approval. **Commissioner Price moved to purchase the electronic KNOX keys. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passes unanimously.**

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- We had our in-service with Dr. Abo this week. He reviewed the county Pit Crew protocol. This protocol is in the event of a cardiac event, each crew knows what jobs they are to do.
- Open House was a success!
- Assistant Chief Davis presented the call report for October 2023.

Public Comment:

Ed Keiser presented a fundraising opportunity to the Board. He has performed these events for other departments and has been able to raise funds to help pay off trucks and equipment faster. The district's attorney is going to look into the legality of this type of fund raiser and see if the District is able to participate.

Good of the District:

Commissioner Player told everyone about the upcoming play at the Pine Island Playhouse. It will be the first two weekends in December. Commissioner DeLacey presented a Toy Drive put on by First Lady DeSantis. Pine Island FISH is also holding their annual toy drive.

Adjournment:

Commissioner DeLacey moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick.
Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Miles
District Administrative Assistant

Board Secretary