

**Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District**  
**Minutes for Regular Commissioners Board Meeting**  
**July 26, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Player called the meeting to order at 5:00 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, Hernandez, and Cammick were present. Commissioner Price is running late. Commissioner DeLacey was excused.

Chief Mickuleit, Assistant Chief Davis, Administrative Assistant Miles, Accountant Renee Lynch, and Attorney Sarah Spector were present.

Captain Barr

Public: Deputy Chief Russell and John Pine were also in attendance.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** June 28, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes Commissioner Hernandez moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:** 6/24/23 – 7/21/23 Presented by Commissioner Cammick. Commissioner Hernandez moved to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Player. Motion passed unanimously.

**Cash Disbursements:** 6/24/23 – 7/21/23 Presented by Commissioner Cammick. Commissioner Cammick moved to accept the cash disbursements as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.

**Accountants Compilation Report:** Accountant Renee Lynch presented the month end report for June 30, 2023, Commissioner Hernandez moved to accept Accountants Compilation Reports. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Motion passed unanimously.

**Commissioners' Expenses:** None.

**Guest Speakers:** None.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Firefighters:** Captain Barr, new hires have started on shift and have been doing great, ALS credentialing has been moving forward.

**Union:** None.

**Old Business:**

1. **Station 2 land acquisition:** The lot combination is in the process of approving, and we just have the deed to work out and have the chair and old property owner sign to complete. Meeting with Art to look into station design.
2. **Annexation Update:** Sarah received the agreements from the City and has reviewed. There are a couple revisions that have been forwarded to the City attorney and we hope to have the final agreements next month.
3. **Hurricane Restoration Update:** Will include that in the chief's report.

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**New Business:**

***New business #1 was held until Commissioner Price arrived.***

1. Resolution 2023-002 Setting Millage Rate

Accountant Renee Lynch presented a memo explaining the reduction in property values and the effect on roll back rate. Although the roll back rate is designed to provide the district with the same total tax dollars as the previous year, with the destruction from Hurricane Ian included in this year's calculation the roll back rate will actually produce less tax revenue than the current fiscal year. This is causing an even larger tax increase to be advertised in order to maintain the funding needed. As stated, every year, the millage voted on in July is the maximum millage that can be voted on in September. Historically the district has always set the max millage at this meeting to give the flexibility in September.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE PROPOSED LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES IN LEE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24, ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED MILLAGE AND THE BUDGET AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Cammick moved to approve the resolution as presented including a millage of 3.75 mills. Commissioner Price seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Resolution 2023-003 Disposition of Fixed Assets

As discussed in previous meetings, we were able to get a grant to replace the motor and other parts on M-151. This resolution removes the previous motor from fixed assets and gives us the ability to auction it off.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN FIXED ASSETS AS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES 274, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES, AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FIXED ASSETS PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Hernandez moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Cammick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Resolution 2023-004 Renewal of Line of Credit

This line of credit has been maintained historically for emergencies. There has never been a draw on it, but it provides an extra security blanket to the district in the instance that we need the cash immediately.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE BANK LINE OF CREDIT FOR 3032 AND 2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Cammick moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Chief's Report:**

- FEMA reimbursement update from Ben and Sarah. Approximately \$325k.

***Back to Resolution 2023-002 (Commissioner Price Arrives)***

- 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a success!
- Side by side used for rescue! And Mango Maina
- ALS COPCN is on the agenda Aug 15<sup>th</sup> for approval.
- Dr. Abo had in-service on Monday, and it went well.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade went well, and fireworks went off at the American Legion
- Station 1 permit for the bathroom was approved and should be started next week.
- Station 3 is 95% done.
- Chief is writing an article for the paper about the damage to the department and coverage by insurance.
- New motor for the skiff, the boat will be in service next month as well as a float pump to make it firefighting capable.
- Monthly report by Matt.
- Talked to a few captains about the ladder vs tender, the consensus seems to be that the ladder makes the most sense.

**Public Comment:**

John Pine had a few questions: Does ALS increase staffing? No. Is there plan for more staffing? The hope was to have 3 more next fiscal year, but the budget will most likely not work and will need to be push back a few years in order to keep the current staff.

**Good of the District:**

- Commissioner Player presented a plaque to Chief Mickuleit.
- Aug 5<sup>th</sup> is the Methodist Church back to school drive.

**Executive Session:** Litigation and Union

*The board resolved into executive session at 5:49 pm*  
*The board resolved back into regular session at 6:54 pm*

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sarah Miles*  
District Administrative Assistant

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Board Secretary