

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

Date: Thursday, July 18 ,2024

Location: Administrative Offices, Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District, 2451 Trailmate Drive, Sarasota, Florida, 34243.

Present: Melanie Marken, Chairperson
Jim Grote, Secretary/Vice-Chair/Treasurer
James Cena, Commissioner
Anthony Evans, Commissioner
Daniel Center, Commissioner
Robert Bounds, Chief
Dan Anderson, Deputy Chief
Adam Perry, Deputy Chief
There were other staff also in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairperson Marken called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- Citizen Awards: Jeremy Collins was presented a citizens award plaque, by Chief Bounds, for rescuing a family out of a car that was submerged in a retention pond.
- Promotions to Deputy Chiefs. Dan Anderson and Adam Perry were pinned for their promotions to Deputy Chief.
- Presentation FY 2023 Audit: Randy Dillingham and Ryan Parrish presented SMFR's FY 2023 Audit.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet.

Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

*** Station 4 remodel**

DC Perry gave an update on the station 4 remodel. The Board was shown pictures of the current condition of the station.

*** Sale of E12**

Captain Chevalier: The leaks on the pump were repaired and passed testing. Documentation was sent to Brindlee Mountain showing the repairs were made and to contract to purchase at \$120,000. Brindlee Mountain counteroffer at \$120k.

Commissioner Grote motioned to sale E12 for \$120,000 to Brindlee Mountain. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

1. FY 2025 draft budget

Chief Bounds presented the Board copies of the latest draft version of the budget. Commissioner Center had questions regarding the changes in the budget.

New Business

2. DR 420 Preliminary

The Board reviewed the DR 420 MMP.

*** Pension – Capt. Chevalier**

At the 07/09/24 pension meeting, the pension board got legal clarification on volunteer time and if it affects the 5-year retirement/DROP period. The Pension Board will draft up language clarifying the volunteer time does not affect the 5-year retirement/DROP period. The union will have a meeting to discuss removing the 5-year period. The Pension Board would like to request an actuary study on adding a COLA to the FF pension plan. Capt. Chevalier will get cost of the study and present it to the Board for approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

*** Pension Committee**

Trustee Chairperson Chevalier updated the board on the pension plan status. Next meeting will be November 12, 2024.

*** Union Report**

FF. Keusch: Biden passed a law expanding the Assistance to Firefighter Grant and SAFER grant.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Bounds: Updated the Board on the training incident at Station 1. Insurance claim was made and an adjuster has been scheduled out to the business.

Inspector Segnari: October is fire prevention month and the topic is fire alarms. Open house is scheduled for October 12, 2024. Fire prevention has been working with Manatee County to enforce the usage of lithium batteries and paint booths.

DC Perry: The damages from the lighting strike at station 3 have been repaired except for the circuit board for the generator. Ten 8 is opening a facility in Georgia that will only sell refurbished fire engines. Active shooter policy has been created.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Commissioners congratulated DC's Anderson and Perry on their promotions. Commissioners thanked staff for their work. Chairperson Marken requested the minutes from the June 20, 2024 be revised from an clerical error made of the sale price of E12.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.


Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:


James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer