

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

Date: Thursday, August 15 ,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 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

NONE

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet.

Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Grote 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.

*** FY 2025 draft budget**

DC Anderson presented with only a few changes.

New Business

1. 2024/2025 Schedule of meetings

Commissioner Center motioned to accept the 2024/2025 schedule of meetings. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

*** 2023 Carryover designation**

Chief Bounds presented the 2023 carryover designation memo to the Board. The carryover amount is to be designated to the assigned 90-180 day and committed vehicle replacement reserve accounts.

Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the 2023 carryover designation. Commissioner Center seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

*** Pension Committee**

Capt./Trustee Chairperson Chevalier updated the board on the pension plan status. Commissioner Center asked if there is any new information to be presented from the last meeting regarding the COLA topic. At this time, there is no new information. Trustee is waiting to hear back from the Union to move forward.

*** Union Report**

FF. Keusch: Keusch and Chevalier discussed a timeline to get information back for the COLA topic. SCBA's are having issues with metallic buildup being found in the equipment. Capt./Trustee Chevalier will be setting up testing for 10 of our SCBA's to check their condition.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Bounds: Rev. Kirby's wife passed away. Commissioner had questions regarding the tax roll and how the overrides are done. Chief Bounds explained this process.

DC Anderson: Attended Wawa's grand opening with Chief Bounds and the shift. DC Anderson and Chief Bounds have a meeting with Manatee County Commissioner Rahn.

Dep. Fire Marshal Meola: Fire prevention is preparing for public education for October.

DC Perry: First EV fire took place at a charging station. Looking into purchasing blankets to cover the electric vehicles. These will help contain and put out the fire. Fire training officer position has been posted and will come down on Monday the 19th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

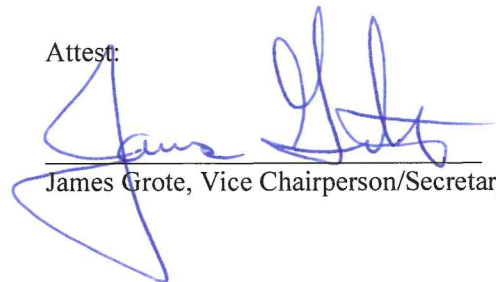
COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Commissioners thanked staff for their work during Hurricane Debby. Commissioner Center thanked Chief Bounds and DC Anderson on the budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.


Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:


James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer