

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

**Date:** Thursday, October 17, 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**

LT. Brian Hodges was promoted to Fire Training Officer. Firefighter Shawn McMullen was promoted to Lieutenant.

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet.

*Commissioner Grote 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 progress at station 4. Hurricane Milton delayed construction but the renovation is still projected to be completed before the projected completion date.

**\* High Water Vehicle:**

DC Perry presented the cost to get the high-water vehicle put into service. Estimated at \$17,000. The Board signed the cooperative equipment loan agreement from the Florida Dept. of Agriculture. *Commissioner Grote motioned to approve to obtain the high-water vehicle and for the monies to come out of contingency to get the vehicle into service. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**New Business**

**1. Fixed Asset Surplus:**

DC Anderson presented the fixed asset surplus memo and spreadsheet to the Board. *Commissioner Center motioned to approve the fixed asset surplus. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**\* Pension Committee**

Capt./Trustee Chairperson Chevalier updated the board on the pension plan status.

**\* Union Report**

FF. Keusch: The union was only able to have one meeting to discuss the actuary study.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Chief Bounds requested the to get the fuel tank fixed with monies from contingency fund. The Board approved. No formal motion made. Chief Bounds thanked the staff for their production doing the recent hurricanes


**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Commissioners thanked staff for their work during the hurricanes and their everyday work.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.**

  
Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:

Absent  
James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer