

**Minutes for the Meeting of
the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District Board of Commissioners**

June 19, 2024 5:00 PM
Diamondhead Beach Resort
2000 Estero Boulevard

In attendance: Chairman John Bennett, Vice-Chairman Larry Wood, Secretary/Treasurer Jim Knickle, Commissioner Jacki Lyszak, Commissioner Ron Fleming, Fire Chief Scott Wirth, Finance Director Jane Thompson, Fire Official Jennifer Campbell and District members.

1. **Meeting Called to Order** 5:02PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Adoption of Agenda** [Discussion/Approval]

Commissioner Lyszak motioned to approve the agenda, Commissioner Fleming seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

4. **Restate Agenda Items** [Information]
5. **Public Input on Non-Agenda Items** - *none*
6. **Consent Agenda** [Approval]

Items listed are considered routine and action will be taken by one motion; if a Commissioner desires discussion, the specific item will be removed during the Adoption of the Agenda and considered separately.

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2024
 - B. Approval of Checks General Fund 48750-48804 total \$228,180.24
 - C. Approval of Checks Capital Improvement Projects Fund 1004-1006 total \$11,287.50
- Commissioner Fleming motioned to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner Knickle seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

7. **Chief's Report**

Chief Wirth gave a report on the status of each division. FEMA projects are wrapping up with only two left open in the District. Chief Kraus has been working on new class A uniforms and transitioning the District asset tracking system. District members have been participating in training throughout April and May. Chief Wirth thanked South Trail and the City of Fort Myers Fire Districts for hosting recent multi agency training. FPL and TECO were also recently in District providing training to the crews. Doctor Pereira provided training on BLS and ALS level support. Inspections and plan review have increased significantly in the past year. The District will be taking on Lehigh Acres plan review starting July 1st.

8. Unfinished Business

A. Present Contract for Feasibility Study [Information/Discussion/Approval]

Chief Wirth presented the contract for J. Angle Group, LLC to complete a feasibility study. This study will take 8 to 9 months to complete.

Commissioner Bennett motioned to approve the contract, Commissioner Wood seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

B. Update on New Station and Administrative Projects [Information/Discussion]

Chief Wirth gave an update on the status of the new station. A public information meeting was held prior to the Board meeting. The District will close on the purchase of the Main Street property in a few weeks.

9. New Business

A. Review of Preliminary Ad Valorem revenue for 2024/25 Budget
[Information/Discussion]

Chief Wirth gave an update on the current outlook for the Ad Valorem revenue.

B. Purchase of Firefighter Turnout Gear [Information/Discussion/Approval]

Chief Wirth presented information on the purchase of on new turnout gear for \$133,610.

Commissioner Fleming motioned to approve the purchase of 37 sets of new turnout gear for \$133,610. Commissioner Liszak seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

C. Resolution – Authorization to Execute Purchase of Real Property
[Information/Discussion/Approval]

Commissioner Bennett motioned to approve resolution 2024-02 – Purchase Real Property at 1101 Shrimp Boat Lane. The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

Wood- Yes

Knickle- Yes

Fleming- Yes

Liszak- Yes

Bennett- Yes

10. Fire Chief Remarks [Information/Discussion]

Chief Wirth thanked staff for all of their hard work. He advised that Union negotiations

have started and are going well. Chief Wirth recognized DVP Jen Gordon as she is retiring in July. Commissioner elect Ferrell ran unopposed for Commissioner Wood's vacant seat.

11. Commissioners Remarks [Information]

Commissioner Wood shared that he is amazed by the amount of training through the District. He thanked Fire Official Campbell for all she does with plan review and fire inspections. He commented that he likes the design of the new Station 31.

Commissioner Knickle commented he is glad crews participated in recent FPL and TECO training. He thanked Chief and staff for navigating the District through challenging times.

Commissioner Liszak echoed the sentiments of the other commissioners and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Commissioner Fleming shared everyone's sentiments. He shared that he is continually impressed with the District staff and all they accomplish. He thanked Jane Thompson for all her hard work and the many roles she handles. He noted the beach is coming back a lot faster than anticipated he is glad for it.

Chairman Bennett thanked everyone for a good meeting and congratulated District members with recent anniversaries. He echoed Commissioner Fleming's sentiments about the new construction on the Beach and how quickly the Beach is coming back. He thanked Representative Botana for attending the meeting and thanked Chief Wirth for all the information he provided.

12. Adjournment 5:49PM