

July 20, 2023
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023

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

Present: Melanie Marken, Chairperson
James Grote, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary
Anthony Evans, Commissioner
Robert Bounds, Chief
Rick Blanco, Assistant Chief
Dan Anderson, Training Chief
There were other staff also in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairperson Marken called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- **New Hire**
Dallas Valdez, Firefighter Paramedic, was sworn in.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet without the treasure's report. *Commissioner Grote motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Evans 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**
AC Blanco gave an update on the progress of the station 4 remodel. The modular home is being prepared to be put in service. The design build team is preparing the plans for the remodel. Chief Bounds received the contract to be sent to legal.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Quarterly Fixed Asset Surplus**
Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the fixed asset surplus. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.
2. **DR-420 Certification of Taxable Value**
Chief Bounds presented the DR-420 and DR-420 MMP to the board.
Commissioner Grote motioned to approve the DR-420 Certification of Taxable Value. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* **Pension Committee**

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

* **Union Report**

LT. Derek Foss. No union updates. The fire/rescue districts in Manatee are collecting monies to support the North River's Firefighter who lost his wife.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Bounds thanked staff for all their hard work. Deputy Fire Marshall Meola presented a map of current and upcoming building projects in the district. The Board discussed the possibility of getting an additional engine due to the upcoming growth. Chief Bounds will check with legal about using impact fees for a new engine.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Commissioners thanked everyone for their work.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.


Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:

Absent
James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer