

NOVEMBER 18, 2021
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021

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

Present: Melanie Marken, Chairperson; James Grote, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary; Daniel Center; James Cena; and Anthony Evans, Commissioners. Also, in attendance were Chief Robert Bounds, Assistant Chief Rick Blanco, Training Chief Bobby Thayer, and Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. 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

None

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion with discussion on the Treasurers Report and the motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Station 2 Renovation – Update**
Assistant Chief Blanco updated the board on the status of the renovations.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Pension Committee**
Chief Bounds noted that October Draft report looks good. He also spoke about the two open seats on the Trustee Board.
- * **Union Report**
Chief Bounds noted that DVP Foss reviewed the inspector promotional process. He also noted that the union has funded two employees to attend a Wellness & Fitness Conference on January 9th.

CHIEF'S REPORT

1. Chief Bounds, Assistant Chief Blanco, and Training Chief Thayer gave brief reports. Chief Bounds noted that the spare staff vehicle (2007 Yukon SLT) has already been released to surplus and he would like to donate it to Chuck Akers with FASD training. *Commissioner Grote motioned to allow the donation of the 2007 Yukon SLT to Mr. Chuck Akers. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairperson Marken asked for commissioner comments. *Commissioner Grote made a motion to not hold a December meeting. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.* Chief Bounds will let commissioners know by December 2nd if there is a need to hold a meeting in December.

Chairperson Marken reported that the next meeting will be on Thursday, January 20, 2022, 5:00 pm unless a December 16 meeting is needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.



Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:



James Grote, Vice Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer