

**MARCH 17, 2022**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

**Date:** Thursday, March 17, 2022

**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; and James Cena, Commissioner. Commissioners Dan Center and Anthony Evans were absent. Also, in attendance were Chief Robert Bounds, Assistant Chief Rick Blanco, and Executive Management Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. There were other staff also in attendance.

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Marken called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 Grote motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion 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 gave an update on the project.
- **Interlocal Agreement with Manatee County for Hazmat Services**  
Chief Bounds gave an update. *Commissioner Grote motioned to extend the deadline with the County to September 30, 2022. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

- None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**\* Pension Committee**

Chief Bounds updated the Board. There was a disability hearing held on March 8, 2022. Inspector Betts was awarded disability effective March 31, 2022. The next scheduled meeting is April 12, 2022.

\* **Union Report**

Derek Foss was not in attendance. Chief Bounds gave a brief report.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

1. Assistant Chief Blanco updated the Chief on Captain Bloski's status. Chief Bounds also noted that we have received 94% of our tax funds. He also updated the board on three promotions and five new hires.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

**COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

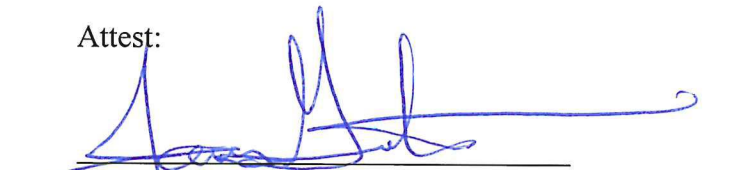
Chairperson Marken asked for commissioner comments. Commissioners congratulated the chief on the new hires & promotions. Also, they said that Station 2 was looking great. Chief Bounds thanked the commissioners for the last 15 months as chief for the support and patience.

Chairperson Marken reported that the next meeting will be on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.**

  
Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:

  
James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer