

January 19, 2023
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

- Date:** Thursday, January 19, 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; Dan Center and James Cena, Commissioners. Also, in attendance were Chief Robert Bounds, Assistant Chief Rick Blanco, Training Chief Bobby Thayer, EMS Officer Dan Anderson, along with Executive Management Assistant Janee Fergerson. 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

- **Annual Election of Board Officers**
Commissioner Center made a motion to approve the current positions for the board as they are. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- **Appointed Officers/Other Appointed Officers**
Commissioner Marken made a motion for Janee Fergerson to fill any positions that are currently held by Debbie Tuckerman, The motion was seconded by Commissioner Center and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Center motioned to adopt the positions as they are, with discussion. Commissioner Center inquired to have Maggie Mooney listed as the general/legislative attorney. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Grote seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Interlocal Agreement with Manatee County for Hazmat Services**
Chief Bounds will respond to Manatee County to decline monetary offer of Hazmat agreement.

- **Landscape and Grounds Maintenance at Administration**
Chief Bounds presented pictures to the board of the completed landscaping.

- **FEMA Reimbursement**

Chief Bounds presented current standing with FEMA Reimbursement for Hurricane Ian. We are currently waiting on site inspectors to inspect damaged items.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Fixed Asset Surplus**

Chief Bounds presented a memo listing the assets that will be surplus. *Commissioner Grote motioned to approve the Fixed Asset Surplus as presented. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

* **Pre-order Fire Engine for December 2024**

Assistant Chief Blanco presented the board with timeline and dollar amount to pre-order a new fire engine, Engine 311. *Commissioner Grote motioned to approve the purchase of the new fire engine 311. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* **Pension Committee**

Logistics Officer Chevalier reported on the October and November reports.

* **Union Report**

LT. Foss shared LT. Burnett has stepped up as DVP delegate during the promotion testing. Lt. FF Keusch has been nominated and running for union trustee.

CHIEF'S REPORT

2. Chief Bounds shared we hired 2 firefighter/EMTs this January. A new hiring process has started for four new Firefighter/EMTs with a tentative start date in March 2023. Promotional assessments for EMS officer, Lieutenant, and Battalion Chief have started.

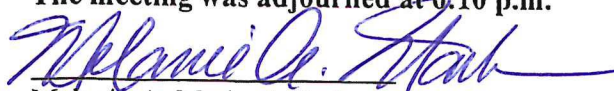
PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

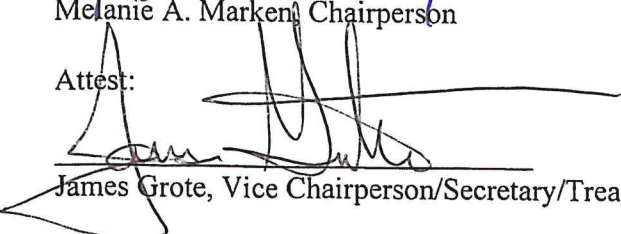
COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Commissioners Grote wished all staff best of luck on the promotional exams. All Commissioners wished EMA Tuckerman and Chief Thayer well on their upcoming retirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.


Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:


James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer