

February 16, 2023
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Date: Thursday, February 16, 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, Dan Center, and James Cena, Commissioners. Also, in attendance were Chief Robert Bounds, Assistant Chief Rick Blanco, Training Chief Dan Anderson, along with Executive Management Assistant, Janee Ferguson. There were other staff also in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairperson Marken called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Invocation/Pledge

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Promotion was presented to Training Chief Dan Anderson. Promotion was presented to EMS Officer Dave Wernet. New hires Firefighter/EMT Tyler Stem and Christos Economides were sworn in.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Center 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 responded to Manatee County declining monetary offer per the Board's direction. Board recommended to reach out to Manatee County in the future to negotiate hazmat agreement.

- **FEMA Reimbursement**
Chief Bounds informed the Board of our current standing with FEMA reimbursement for Hurricane Ian.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fixed Asset Surplus

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* **Pension Committee**

Chief Robert Bounds reported on the current standings of the pension.

* **Union Report**

No new information was reported from the union.

CHIEF'S REPORT

2. Chief Bounds gave the board copies of the 2022 annual report and General Plan Actuarial Evaluation. Chief Bounds informed the board of the meeting he attended, along with EMA Janee Ferguson, with the Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court to discuss the delay of monthly statements.

Assistant Chief Blanco discussed station 4 renovation plans.

Deputy Fire Marshal Meola informed the board fire prevention will be hosting a mobile food truck class. Fire Prevention has started planning the details to host open house in late 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Commissioners congratulated all new hires and promotions.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.



Melanie A. Marken, Chairperson

Attest:



James Grote, Vice Chairperson/Secretary/Treasurer