

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

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2023

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

Present: Melanie Marken, Chairperson.
Dan Center, Commissioner
James Cena, Commissioner
Chief, Robert Bounds
Assistant Chief, Rick Blanco
Training Chief, Dan Anderson
Executive Management Assistant, Janee Ferguson.
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

Promotion was presented to Battalion Chief Chad D'Agostino. Promotion was presented to Lieutenant Michael White.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. Commissioner Center suggest revising the 02/16/2023 minutes to add Commissioner Evans as present during the meeting. Commissioner Center suggested when the board has significant discussions and suggestions to include those in the minutes. Commissioner Center recommended interest income to be increased in the upcoming budget. Commissioner Center expressed his concern regarding mutual aid, lift assist calls, CUR, and incident report times. The consent agenda was approved with corrections to be made. *Commissioner Center motioned to accept the Consent Agenda with corrections. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Marken called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

- **FEMA Reimbursement**
Chief Bounds informed the Board about FEMA reimbursement has been completed. FEMA has forwarded everything over to the State of Florida, who administers any reimbursement.

NEW BUSINESS

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

2. **Resolution 2023-01 Exhibit A: Retiree Health Insurance Policy**
Chief Bounds requested this resolution be pulled from this meeting for corrections to be made. Resolution 2023-01 will be placed on the Agenda for the April meeting.
3. **Fire Gear**
Captain Chevalier gave a brief presentation to purchase the Veridian brand of new fire gear. This brand of fire gear was tested by a selection of our firefighters. Captain Chevalier gave the board handouts containing three quotes, comparing pricing between three different vendors. *Commissioner Center motioned to approve the purchase of Veridian brand from MES supplier as presented. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * **Pension Committee**
Captain Chevalier reported on the current standings of the pension. Bounds gave the Board a letter from Florida League of Cities regarding the Silicon Valley Bank stating SMFR does not have any exposure to the bank.
- * **Union Report**
Lt. Foss reported Tim Keusch was elected as a new trustee member to the local union. The four new hires joined the union. SMFR participated in the MDA boot drive and raised \$12,300.

CHIEF'S REPORT

4. Chief Bounds gave the board copies of the updated 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. Chief Bounds informed the Board that we are up to date with our Manatee County Investment statements. Fire Prevention went out to inspect new apartments over two Fridays. The contractors paid the district for the overtime and vehicle rate for the inspectors to inspect apartments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

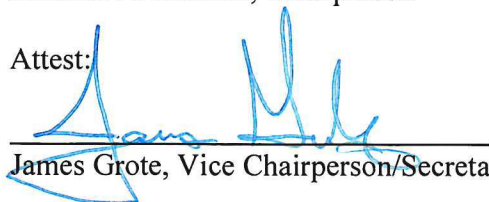
COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

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