

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Cedar Hammock Fire Control District**

**January 18, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Getman at 6:00 p.m. The following commissioners were present: Richard G. Findlay, Ronald D. Getman, Marnie E. Matarese, Samuel A. Reasoner, and John H. Stevens.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chief Bradshaw led the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**QUORUM**

Chairman Getman confirmed a physically present quorum for the meeting. The meeting was properly advertised.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Getman asked if there was any discussion of the minutes from November 16, 2023. There was no discussion.

**ACTION: Commissioner Stevens moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Vice Chairman Findlay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

Chief Bradshaw recognized the promotions of Rob Edwards and Taylor Clegg to First Class Firefighter. He read commendations for their achievements.

Chief Bradshaw recognized Paul Reda as the recipient of the Firefighter of the Year Award and read a commendation for his achievement.

Chief Bradshaw recognized Marco Nepomuceno as the recipient of the Exemplary Duty Award and read a commendation for his achievement.

**RECESS REGULAR MEETING**

Chairman Getman recessed the meeting for approximately five minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ALS Update - COPCN**

Chief Bradshaw, and Deputy Chiefs Falcone and Center attended the Manatee County Board of

County Commissioners meeting on January 9, 2024. Resolution R-24-001 authorizing COPCN (Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Cedar Hammock Fire Rescue passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Voting Precinct**

Chief Bradshaw reviewed the exhibit. He received a phone call from the Supervisor of Elections' office informing him that the polling location at IMG was no longer available. They were inquiring about the availability of Station 3 Classroom for Presidential, Primary, and General elections. Chief Bradshaw asked the board for a motion to allow him to execute documents and for the use of the facility if the Supervisor of Elections chose to utilize the classroom.

**ACTION: Commissioner Stevens moved to allow the Supervisor of Elections to utilize the Station 3 Classroom space as a polling location if chosen, and to allow Chief Bradshaw to execute documents. Commissioner Matarese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

### **Legislative Update**

Chief Bradshaw and Deputy Chief Falcone met with various legislators as guests of Local 2456 in Tallahassee last week during the legislative session. House Bill 7013 concerning Special Districts was a major topic. The language requiring a continuation referendum exercising ad valorem tax authority every 10 years was excluded from the bill. The bill does specify creating a 12-year term limit for elected officials; a dissolution process for special districts; requiring special districts to adopt goals, objectives, performance measures and standards and determine if being met; independent fire districts to report to the Division of the State Fire Marshal, among other language. Also discussed was House Bill 151 to reinstate COLA for retirees. The union is seeking legislation for first responders to access medical care for a cardiac event to expedite their return to work.

### **Termite Mitigation**

Deputy Chief Falcone reviewed the exhibit. He recommended using the services of Haskell Termite & Pest Control. They do offer a limited lifetime warranty. Commissioner Reasoner requested staff to investigate the limits on the warranty. Deputy Chief Falcone requested a motion from the board to enter into a contract with Haskell Termite & Pest Control and to allow Chief Bradshaw to execute documents.

**ACTION: Commissioner Matarese moved to enter into a contract with Haskell Termite & Pest Control for termite mitigation at Station 1, and to allow Fire Chief Bradshaw to execute documents. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

### **Engine 18 Surplus**

Deputy Chief Falcone reviewed the exhibit to surplus the 2010 Pierce Contender Fire Engine and associated equipment. These items are considered obsolete and serve no useful function to the District.

**ACTION: Vice Chairman Findlay moved to surplus the 2010 Pierce Contender Fire Engine and associated equipment listed in the exhibit. Chairman Getman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Bradshaw reviewed the departmental reports and the run statistics. He referred to the DOT letter from Nicole Mills, Director of Transportation Development. The letter is addressed to Chairman Getman and refers to Amber Lewis as the Project Manager. Chairman Getman appointed Commissioner Reasoner to follow up with the project manager. Commissioner Reasoner agreed to follow up. Chairman Getman instructed staff to send out press releases noting Chief Bradshaw as the keynote speaker at the upcoming FPELRA Conference and the employee awards and promotions.

### **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Commissioner Matarese announced that she would be seeking re-election this year and is looking forward to a safe and healthy 2024. Commissioner Stevens expressed condolences to the Hoyle family. Vice Chairman Findlay thanked everyone for a successful year. He requested staff to inform the board of any major projects. Commissioner Reasoner inquired about the use of impact fees and the new construction. Chief Bradshaw confirmed that he was taking the advice of counsel and our auditor and following Florida Statutes. Discussion ensued. Chairman Getman inquired about the marine unit purchase. Deputy Chief Falcone said that we would be starting the process soon.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2024.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION: Commissioner Reasoner moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Vice Chairman Findlay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

Respectfully Submitted,

**APPROVED 02/15/2024**

Chairman Ronald D. Getman