

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

November 16, 2023

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, Samuel A. Reasoner, and John H. Stevens. Commissioner Marnie Matarese arrived at 6:12 pm; she was delayed with good reason.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Pavkovich 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 October 19, 2023. There was no discussion.

ACTION: Commissioner Stevens moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Chairman Getman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Chief Bradshaw announced newly hired firefighter Beau Arnold. Administration Support Manager McCaughan administered the Oath of Office.

Chief Bradshaw recognized the promotions of Connor Barauskis to Third Class Firefighter, Dakota Sallis to First Class Firefighter, and John Eibe to the rank of Captain.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING

Vice Chairman Findlay recessed the regular meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Vice Chairman Findlay resumed the regular meeting at 6:17 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

District Attorney, Maggie Mooney provided a digital signature on the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement signature page. The document needs to be signed by Chairman Getman.

Appreciation Dinner Update

Chief Bradshaw announced the Appreciation Dinner will be held December 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Courtyard Marriot in downtown Bradenton. There is a \$30 charge for guests with no charge for employees. Chief Bradshaw is proud to announce that our head count is over 90 this year.

Digital Signage

Chief Bradshaw stated that at the last commission meeting he presented a memo to the Board requesting the District purchase digital signage for Stations 1 and 4 to enhance the direction of a community risk reduction (CRR) program for fire prevention. Unfortunately, Stewart Signs did not agree with the contract language. We would like to enter into a contract with Signs Plus that has a competitive bid and a better product.

ACTION: Commissioner Reasoner moved to allow the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with Signs Plus for the purchase and installation of two signs at Station #1 and Station #4 on behalf of the District. Commissioner Matarese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Election of 2023 Board Member Officers

ACTION: Commissioner Stevens moved to retain the current slate of Board of Fire Commission Officers and representatives for the 2024 calendar year. Commissioner Matarese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

December 2023 Meeting

ACTION: Commissioner Stevens moved to cancel the December 2023 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting. Chairman Getman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

ALS Equipment Purchase

Medical Officer Brett reviewed the Memorandum for the Cardiac Monitors. He requested Board approval to allow the Fire Chief to execute and authorize all contracts and purchases not to exceed \$100,000.

ACTION: Commissioner Matarese moved to purchase two Zoll Cardiac Monitors and to allow Fire Chief Bradshaw to execute and authorize all contracts and purchases not to exceed \$100,000. Commissioner Reasoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Bradshaw reviewed the departmental reports and the run statistics. The estimated turnout for the Open House is 750.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Matarese thanked Chief Bradshaw for the Whitfield Ballantine Trunk or Treat event and presented him with a card. Commissioner Stevens expressed his pride in representing the District. Commissioner Findlay suggested giving the CERT Team a certificate of appreciation, which was also directed by Chairman Getman. Commissioner Reasoner inquired if there were any responses from the DOT. Chairman Getman directed staff to update Chief Bradshaw's name tag and name plate. He is proud that our Fire Chief is a doctor, which was echoed by all commissioners.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Commissioner Matarese moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Getman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

PENDING APPROVAL

Chairman Ronald D. Getman