

**Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District
Minutes for Regular Commissioners Board Meeting
April 24, 2024**

Call to Order: Commissioner Player called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Invocation: Commissioner Hernandez led everyone in the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Player led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioner Player, Cammick, Price, Hernandez and DeLacey were present. Chief Mickuleit, Assistant Chief Davis, Assistant Chief Allen, Finance Manager Miles, Captain Barr, and Attorney Sarah Spector were present.

Public: Art Castellanos and Rebecca Crane

Setting of Agenda: Commissioner Cammick moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

1. March 27, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes Commissioner Hernandez moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: 3/23/23 – 4/19/24 Presented by Commissioner Cammick. Commissioner Price moved to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.

Cash Disbursements: 3/23/23 – 4/19/24 Commissioner DeLacey moved to accept the cash disbursements as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Motion passed unanimously.

Accountants Compilation Report: Finance Manager Miles presented the month end report for March 31, 2024. Commissioner Hernandez moved to accept the Accountants Compilation Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners' Expenses: Commissioner's Cammick, DeLacey, and Player took their ethics course and filed for reimbursement, \$49 each.

Guest Speakers: None.

Public Comment: None.

Firefighters: None.

Union: None.

Executive Session: The Board of Commissioners resolved into executive session to discuss settlement negotiations and strategy related to litigation expenditures in reference to pending litigation as follows: *Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District a/k/a Matlacha Pine Island Fire Control District v. National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Case No. 2:23-cv-00876 – before Judge John L. Badalamenti.* The following persons will be present for the executive session: Commissioners Tonya Player, John Cammick, Neil Price, Jamie DeLacey, and Joe Hernandez; Chief Benjamin Mickuleit; District Attorney Sarah E. Spector of Roetzel & Andress, Christopher Kuleba of Reed Smith and Rebecca Crane of Fort Myers Court Reporting.

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Old Business:

1. Station 2 update/ Selection Committee Results: Commissioner DeLacey walked the board through the committee's process and explained the results. The committee recommendation is Castellanos and Tramonte Architects. Mr. Castellanos was there and the board asked a few questions of him. **Commissioner Cammick moved to accept the committee's recommendation and to move forward with the RFP process with Castellanos and Tramonte Architects. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hernandez. Motion passed unanimously.**
Per the RFP the final contract approval is to be within 30 days of this decision, however the next regular meeting is not within 30 days. **Commissioner Hernandez moved to extend the 30 for contract negotiations to May 29th. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. Legislation Update: Bill 7013 passed; it is waiting to be signed by the governor.
3. Attorney Selection/Discussion: Included in the packets are proposals from two of the 4 attorney's that the district reached out to. The two that provided proposals attended the workshop on Monday where the board asked questions of the two firms. Commissioner Player asked the current attorney Ms. Spector if she was planning on submitting a proposal. She responded that their firm would not be submitting a proposal. The Commissioners discussed the two options. **Commissioner Price moved to accept the proposal from Boy Agnew Potanovic Miller and have the Chief work on an MOU for service moving forward, effective immediately. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Motion passed unanimously.** Additionally, the current contract with Roetzel and Andress is in a month-to-month status and requires 30 day notice to cancel. **Commissioner Hernandez moved to give Roetzel and Andress 30 days' notice to cancel the current contract. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. District Name Change Consideration: Commissioner Hernandez originally brought the idea up. Attorney Sarah Spector explained the in order to make the name change it would need to be an act of legislation. There is no option for a DBA. The commissioners agreed to have the Chief ask a few of the other districts in the area that have done the same recently, how involved the process was.

New Business: None.

Chief's Report:

- Chief is still waiting to hear back from the county on the agreement for EMS stationed at Station 1.
- Chief brought up that his contract is up August of this year. It currently automatically renews for 4 years, but if there were any changes that the board would like to make that it could be added to the next workshop meeting. The board agreed to add it to next month's workshop agenda.
- Easter Egg hunt was a success!
- There have been multiple significant incidents during the month. One commercial structure fire, One significant vehicle accident, and one serious boating accident.

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- Reminder to the board that Form 1 is due in July, however if you plan to run for election in November you will need to file your form one prior to qualifying to register which the deadline is May 13.
- Assistant Chief Davis presented the call report for February 2024.

Public Comment:

Art Castellanos presented the Chief with the award that was won for the design of Station 4.

Good of the District:

Concerns over the traffic at the Yucatan. There is another event at Jug Creek Marina this weekend.

Adjournment:

Commissioner DeLacey moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Miles
District Administrative Assistant

Board Secretary