

**Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District
Minutes for Regular Commissioners Board Meeting
March 27, 2024**

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

Invocation: Commissioner DeLacey led everyone in the invocation.

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

Roll Call: Commissioner Player, Cammick, Price and DeLacey were present. Commissioner Hernandez was excused.

Chief Mickuleit, Assistant Chief Davis, Assistant Chief Allen, Finance Manager Miles, Captain Simer, Firefighters Agnew, Arias, Robertson and Attorney Sarah Spector were present.

Public: No public present.

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

Approval of Minutes:

1. February 26, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes **Commissioner Cammick moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. February 26, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes **Commissioner Price moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurers Report: 2/24/23 – 3/22/24 Presented by Commissioner Cammick. **Commissioner Price moved to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**

Cash Disbursements: 2/24/23 – 3/22/24 **Commissioner Cammick moved to accept the cash disbursements as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.**

Accountants Compilation Report: Finance Manager Miles presented the month end report for February 29, 2024. **Commissioner Price moved to accept the Accountants Compilation Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioners' Expenses: None.

Guest Speakers: None.

Public Comment: None.

Firefighters: Captain Simer commented on the great direction that training has been moving towards.

Union: None.

Old Business:

1. **Station 2 update:** This coming Friday the district will hold a selection committee meeting to discuss and rank the submittals. Rankings will be brought back to the Board at the April meeting.

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2. Legislation Update: Bill 7013 passed. The main impact to the district is the 12-year term limits and annual reporting to the state.
3. Attorney Selection/Discussion: Included in the packets are proposals from two of the 4 attorney's that the district reached out to. One attorney decided not to submit a proposal due to their work with the City of Cape Coral annexation. Roetzel and Andress, the district's current attorney is working on a proposal and will have it to the District soon. The Board decided to wait until all proposals were submitted so that they could look at them all at once.
4. District Name Change Consideration: Attorney Sarah Spector researched the process which would have to be done in order to change the name of the District. Since the District was created by special act, to change the name, it would have to go through legislation. Since this was originally brought forward by Commissioner Hernandez, the board decided to table the discussion until the next meeting.

New Business:

1. Change in date of May workshop and Regular Meeting: Finance Manager Miles explained that the week of the May meeting she and the auditors will be at the FGFOA conference, so in order to have the audit presented and approved in May the meeting would need to be moved to the 5th Wednesday. **Commissioner Cammick moved to reschedule the May regular meeting from May 22nd to May 29th. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**
2. Board Meeting Policy Update: Commissioner Player presented an updated policy for board meetings addressing public comment. There was discussion about the policy and a suggestion was made to include "threats" to number 8.
RESOLUTION 2024-001: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING RULES RELATIVE TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT MEETINGS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Price moved to adopt Resolution 2024-001 as amended. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Roll call vote:
Tonya Player – Aye
Neil Price – Aye
John Cammick – Aye
Jamie DeLacey – Aye
Joe Hernandez – Absent
3. Litigation Discussion with Reed Smith attorney Chris Kuleba: Attorney Chris Kuleba gave the board a brief update on where the suit with the insurance company stands. He is in need of some direction from here and suggested it be discussed in an executive session. This can wait until the April regular meeting.

Chief's Report:

- A shift brought home the mullet toss trophy again this year!
- Chief and Finance Manager Miles attended a meeting at the county to discuss an opportunity through a grant from HUD. We have put in a notice of interest with the county

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for the rebuilding of Station 2 for the minimum award of \$5M. The BOCC will vote at their first meeting in April on who can apply, but if we are selected through this initial process, we would like to try and continue. There was a consensus from the commissioners to move forward, if selected, with the application process.

- Administration is working on a monthly newsletter to send out to our website subscribers and to post on social media.
- We have finally gotten the Equinox in for body repair due to hurricane damage. The cost is covered by insurance.
- The District is hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday.
- Assistant Chief Allen has been working with the crew on bi-annual competencies.
- The “rebuilding together” sign has been replaced at Station 4
- E-154 is in the shop for similar issues to E-152. We hope to have it back in service soon.
- This week is employee appreciation. All three shifts are getting lunch and a tumbler.
- Chief presented a memo about the status of the new bunker gear. Globe has strung us on for some time now and we have gotten to a point where our current gear is going to expire before they can produce the new gear. We have talked to crews and gotten a new quote from a different company who can guarantee the PFAS free gear by when we need it. **Commissioner Price moved to cancel the order with Globe and allow the Chief to place the order with Lion. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Assistant Chief Davis presented the call report for January 2024.

Public Comment:

Firefighter Robertson had a question about the name change.

Good of the District:

Charlotte’s Web will be showing at the playhouse the first and second weekend of April. The county will have a public meeting on the 11th at 5pm about the Little Pine Island Bridge construction. Cape Royal is considering speed humps, just at the entrance and exit of the community. Cape Royal’s Community Foundation is having their annual golf tournament on the 6th.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Miles
District Finance Manager

Board Secretary