

DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Main Station

848 Airport Road

Destin, Florida 32541

August 13, 2019

Minutes

Commissioners present: Rick Moore, Tommy Green, Bob Wagner, Jack Wilson, and Mike Buckingham

Staff present: Chief Kevin Sasser, Division Chiefs Joe D'Agostino, Matt Taylor and Kathryn Wagner; Tammy Peacock

Also present: Attorney Dana "D.C." Matthews, II

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore at 5:30 p.m.

Employee Recognition

Chief Sasser congratulated Inspector Travis Morris for completing his one year probationary period and presented him with a District Employment Challenge Coin.

Public Comments

None

Review of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2019 were presented. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Wagner. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Financial Report

Division Chief Wagner presented the financial statements for July 31, 2019. Division Chief Wagner informed the Commissioners that the District is in receipt of two grant checks, \$5,000 from Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust for training and \$9,000 from FEMA for Hurricane Michael relief. After brief discussion, Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented, seconded by Commissioner Wagner. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- a. West End of District Station – Commissioner Buckingham noted that the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners meeting agenda for September 3, 2019 will include the West End of District Station as an item for discussion.
- b. Audit Committee – Chief Sasser reported that he reached out to 3 members of our community who agreed to serve on the audit committee, Mr. William Posey, Mr. Jim Wood and Mr. Tim Krueger. Commissioner Wilson stated that he would oversee the committee. After brief discussion, Commissioner Buckingham made a motion to approve the committee members, seconded by Commissioner Green. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

- c. Destin East Pass Safety – Chief Sasser reported that the City has moved forward with signs at Norriego Point advising boat goers of the tide.

Chief Reports

- a. Beach Safety Report - Division Chief D'Agostino reviewed Beach Safety stats and recognized Stetson Miller for his efforts in the rescue of a group of people on a boat in distress.
- b. Training Report - Chief Sasser reviewed the Training Report for July of 26 hours of training per shift.
- c. Inspection Report - Division Chief Taylor presented the Inspection Report for July and noted ongoing large projects.

Chief Sasser stated he wanted to make the Commissioners aware of a local condo association that is requesting the District's support in their efforts to remove original fire hose from their condo, which was installed at the time the condo was built. Chief Sasser noted that the condo association may present their request to the Commissioner's in the near future.

- d. Overtime Report - Chief Sasser reported that overtime for July reflected an increase due to personnel on extended medical leave.

New Business

- a. Insurance Renewals – Division Chief Wagner reviewed the summary sheet of the District's 2019/2020 insurance renewals and asked for Board approval of all the line items, noting that the general insurance coverage with VFIS is being reviewed to see if there is an alternative source to reduce the premium. After brief discussion, Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the 2019/2020 insurance renewals as presented, seconded by Commissioner Wagner. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Budget Workshop - Division Chief Wagner presented the Preliminary Budget for fiscal year ending (FYE) September 30, 2020, highlighting adjustments to Beach Safety due to the County directly purchasing the ATVs, UTVs and Waverunners to be used by the District. Discussion continued between the Board and Chief Sasser on the County's position on purchasing these items with the District still responsible for maintenance. Commissioner Green stated that the Board should discuss this item further before approving.

Other Comments: Chief Sasser introduced two new hires in attendance today, Firefighter's Matt Prado and Joe Quinn and welcomed them aboard.

Next Meeting

Chairman Moore announced that the next regular meeting of the Board will be held on September 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. preceded by the Tentative Budget Hearing at 5:01 p.m.

Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.