

DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Main Station

848 Airport Road

Destin, Florida 32541

November 12, 2019

Minutes

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

Commissioners absent: Jack Wilson - excused

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 Recognitions

Chief Sasser congratulated Felix Romero on his promotion to Captain and recognized him for attaining all the requirements necessary for his promotion.

Chief Sasser thanked the Board of Commissioners for approving the funding for the Technical Rescue Specialist course which allowed 10 (ten) of the District's employees to participate in and complete the course. Chief Sasser recognized each team member: Battalion Chief Jeff Anderson, Captain Mike Landis, Engineer Brian Weiland, Firefighter Mike Anderson, Firefighter Brian Gatewood, Firefighter Jason Haynes, Firefighter Ryan Jensen, Firefighter Doug Kocour, Firefighter Matt Prado and Firefighter Matt Wentworth.

Chief Sasser congratulated Firefighter Matt Prado 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 October 8, 2019 were presented. Commissioner Buckingham 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 October 31, 2019. After brief discussion, Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented, seconded by Commissioner Green. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- a. West End of District Station – Chief Sasser stated that there has been no changes since last month.
- b. Interlocal Agreement for Beach Safety and Lifeguard Services – Okaloosa County, FL – Attorney D.C. Matthews advised the Board he made changes as directed by the Board and has submitted the agreement to the City and County Attorney for review. Commissioner Wagner motioned to table the item until next month to allow for review by the attorneys, seconded by Commissioner Buckingham. With no further discussion, the motion was approved.
- c. Property adjacent to 117 Crystal Beach Drive (Station 10) – Chief Sasser advised the Board that more research is being done with the title search and he would bring back his findings at the next Board meeting. No action taken.

Chief Reports

- a. Beach Safety Report - Division Chief D'Agostino reviewed Beach Safety stats and noted that attendance for this past season was down 17 percent, but Beach Safety had more public contact initiating the addition of more chair lifeguards.
- b. Training Report - Chief Sasser reviewed the Training Report for October and noted that the shifts did additional training with South Florida in structural collapse.
- c. Inspection Report - Division Chief Taylor presented the Inspection Report for October and thanked the shifts for their help with Fire Prevention month.
- d. Overtime Report - Chief Sasser reported that overtime for October reflected an increase due to the deployment of employees for Hurricane Dorian.

New Business

- a. Audit Services Contract – Chief Sasser advised the Board that Division Chief Wagner and Commissioner Wilson reviewed the justification for fees provided by CRI for the next 3 years and recommends the Board approve the fee structure. Commissioner Buckingham motioned to approve the fees for services, seconded by Commissioner Green. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Request for Proposals: Portable Cardiac Defibrillators/Monitors – Chief Sasser noted that the RFP was sent back out and the bids are in the packet for review. Discussion ensued on the need for new monitors. Commissioner Wagner motioned to adjust the budget to accommodate for the purchase of new monitors not to exceed \$175,000, seconded by Commissioner Green. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- c. Request for Proposals: Destin Beach Safety Lifeguard Observation Chairs – Division Chief D'Agostino noted there was only one response for the observation chairs and he recommends utilizing them as they are the current vendor for Beach Safety and he is familiar with their product. Commissioner Buckingham motioned to approve Drew's Marine Fabrication as the vendor of choice, seconded by Commissioner Wagner. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

- d. Request for Proposals: Destin Beach Safety Lifeguard Paddle Boards – Division Chief D’Agostino advised the Board that out of the three bids received he recommends Kracka as the vendor of choice. Discussion continued on the life expectancy of the boards. Commissioner Wagner motioned to approve Kracka as the vendor of choice, seconded by Commissioner Green. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- e. Resolution 20-01 – Sale of Beach Safety Assets – Chief Sasser informed the Board that five (5) beach vehicles/vessels have reached their life cycle and are not economical for the District’s purposes. Commissioner Wagner motioned to approve Resolution 20-01, seconded by Commissioner Green. Resolution passed unanimously.
- f. Staff/Management Compensation – Commissioner Buckingham stated he has been working with Chief Sasser to come up with a pay scale for non-union employees. Commissioner Wagner conveyed his frustration on the delay of a recommendation. Commissioner Buckingham noted the compensation could be retroactive to October and stated he would like to have the opportunity to finalize the compensation package with Chief Sasser and motioned to place the item on December’s agenda to vote on, seconded by Commissioner Green. After brief discussion, the motion was passed 3 to 1 with Commissioner Wagner as the dissenting vote.

Next Meeting

Chairman Moore announced that the regular meeting of the Board will be held on December 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.