

# **DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

## **Main Station**

848 Airport Road  
Destin, Florida 32541

May 12, 2020

### **Minutes**

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

Staff present: Chief Kevin Sasser, Division Chief 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 noted that due to the limitations of public gatherings, employees with District accomplishments will not be in attendance to be recognized this evening but will at a later date.

Chief Sasser congratulated Firefighter Michael (Mike) Anderson for completing his swim test releasing him from his one year probationary period and noted the change of his firefighter shield from yellow (probation) to black (firefighter).

Chief Sasser also congratulated Brian Christenson on his 20 year anniversary with the District and noted Captain Christenson's support of and dedication to the District.

#### **Public Comments**

None

#### **Review of Minutes**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2020 were presented. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Buckingham. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

(Regular meeting – April 14, 2020 – was cancelled due to public health emergency. No minutes to review.)

#### **Review of Financial Report**

Chief Sasser presented the financial statements for April 30, 2020. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

- a. West End of District Station – Commissioner Buckingham advised the Board that things are moving forward and he will have more to report next month.

- b. Property adjacent to 117 Crystal Beach Drive (Station 10) – Chief Sasser advised the Board that he has been in contact with the real estate agent and they are awaiting signatures from the trust owners.

### **Chief Reports**

- a. Beach Safety Report – Chief Sasser reviewed the Beach Safety report for March and April.

Discussion ensued on calls at Crab Island and how the District is responding. Chief Sasser recommended the Board take emergency action to purchase a rescue / jet ski to utilize at Crab Island; with the assistance of a stationary pontoon boat being offered as a loaner by the owner of Luther's Pontoons. Chief Sasser stated the pontoon boat being the staging point for the jet ski and treatment station of patients rescued by the jet ski. Commissioner Buckingham motioned to approve the purchase of the jet ski, seconded by Commissioner Green. Discussion continued on the need for the jet ski. Commissioner Buckingham amended the motion to approve Chief Sasser to contact Okaloosa County to request a new jet ski for District use and if rejected allow Chief Sasser proceed with the purchase utilizing District funds, which was seconded by Commissioner Green. Commissioner Wagner asked if impact fees could be utilized for the purchase. DC Matthews stated that he would discuss the matter with Division Chief Wagner and determine if that would be an option. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Training Report - Chief Sasser reviewed the Training Report for March and April 2020.
- c. Inspection Report – Chief Sasser reviewed the Inspection Report for March and April 2020.
- d. Overtime Report - Chief Sasser reported that overtime for March and April 2020 were minimal and in line with District personnel needs.

### **New Business**

- a. Fire Boat repair and/or purchase – Chief Sasser advised the Board no determination has been made whether the fire boat will be totaled or salvaged and noted that the cost to refurbish is \$170,000 including shipment to and from Safe Boats; Seattle, Washington versus the cost for a new fire boat ranging from \$350,000.00 to \$450,000.00. Chief Sasser recommended the Board consider a back-up boat and create a committee to research the possibility. Commissioner Buckingham motioned to appoint Commissioner Green to oversee the committee, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Resolution 20-07 – Damaged and Unrecoverable Equipment – Chief Sasser reviewed the items that were damaged and unrecoverable from the fire boat incident and requested Board approval for the disposal of said items. Commissioner Wilson motioned to approve Resolution 20-07, seconded by Commissioner Green. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.
- c. Mid-Year Budget Adjustments – Chief Sasser reviewed the mid-year budget adjustments. Commissioner Wagner motioned to approve the adjustments, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting**

Chairman Moore announced that the next regular meeting of the Board will be held on June 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.