

DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Main Station

848 Airport Road
Destin, Florida 32541

June 9, 2020

Minutes

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

Commissioners absent: Jack Wilson, Mike Buckingham

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 be recognized at a later date.

Public Comments

None

Review of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2020 were presented. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Green. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Financial Report

Division Chief Wagner presented the financial statements for May 31, 2020. 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 advised the Board that the 1st reading was preliminarily approved by the Destin City Council in May and the 2nd reading will be presented to the City Council meeting Monday, 15th. If the outcome is positive, the District will move forward with the construction.
- 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 May and reported that Lifeguard 9 was first on scene rescuing 9 people from the Pass and also noted that Beach Safety has hired 20 new lifeguards to offset the loss of H2B Visa issuance due to the virus.
- b. Training Report - Chief Sasser reviewed the Training Report for May 2020.
- c. Inspection Report – Fire Marshal Taylor reviewed the Inspection Report for May 2020 and reported that several large projects are under construction.
- d. Overtime Report - Chief Sasser reported that overtime for May was minimal and in line with District personnel needs.

New Business

- a. Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement with Okaloosa County – Chief Sasser advised the Board that Okaloosa County has agreed to pay for the most recent jet ski purchase for Crab Island use and an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Okaloosa County is being presented to the Board for approval. Commissioner Green motioned to approve Amendment No. 1, seconded by Commissioner Wagner. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Fire boat committee report – Commissioner Green advised the Board that he worked with the Battalion Chiefs to review all options to purchase new or repair the fireboat for the District. The committee was in agreement that it would benefit the District to repurchase the boat and have it refurbished locally to get it back in service as soon as possible. Discussion continued on possible grants available, insurance settlement of approximately \$180,000.00 to the District and the District's needs. Commissioner Green motioned to accept the Insurance settlement and purchase the boat back for \$10,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Wagner. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued on upgrades and / or enhancements needed to have the boat fully operable. Commissioner Wagner motioned to give Chief Sasser the latitude to make any needed enhancements, etc. to the fireboat (with recommendations from Commissioner Green and the committee), seconded by Commissioner Green. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

- c. Budget Workshop for 2020/2021 fiscal year – Division Chief Wagner reviewed the proposed budget for 2020/2021 and noted the proposed budget falls 6.2 percent under the current budget. Commissioner Green motioned to set the proposed mileage rate at 1.000, seconded by Commissioner Wagner. 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 July 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.