

DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Main Station

848 Airport Road
Destin, Florida 32541

September 8, 2020

Minutes

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

Staff present: Chief Kevin Sasser, Division Chief Matt Taylor, Division Chief Joe D'Agostino and 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

None

Public Comments

Mr. Mike Koran, 801 Beach Drive, Destin, Florida provided public comment on Beach Safety Double Red Flag conditions.

Review of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2020 were presented. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Financial Report

Division Chief Wagner presented the financial statements for August 31, 2020. Commissioner Wilson 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 – Chief Sasser advised the Board that the workshop date has not been determined at this time but will advise the Board when scheduled.
- b. Property adjacent to 117 Crystal Beach Drive (Station 10) – Chief Sasser requested to take the item off the agenda. Attorney Matthews stated he would contact Ms. Smith for direction on how to proceed with the District's interest in the property.
- c. Resolution - 20-08 – Turn Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) Equipment and Antenna over to State – Chief Sasser requested the item be tabled until the next meeting.
- d. Resolution - 20-09 – Live Rescue Agreement – Chief Sasser requested the item be removed from the agenda.

Chief Reports

- a. Beach Safety Report – Division Chief D’Agostino reviewed the Beach Safety report for August and reported a very successful season.
- b. Training Report – Chief Sasser reviewed the Training Report for August 2020.
- c. Inspection Report – Fire Marshal Taylor reviewed the Inspection Report for August 2020.
- d. Overtime Report - Chief Sasser reported no overtime for August and thanked the Board for allowing him to hire staff to attain the needs of the District.

New Business

- a. Year-end Budget Adjustments – Division Chief Wagner presented the year-end budget adjustments. Commissioner Green motioned to approve the adjustments, seconded by Commissioner Wagner. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Insurance Renewal – Life Insurance – Division Chief Wagner advised the Board that the renewals for Life, Dental and Vision are flat renewals and recommend the Board to approve our current vendor for these renewals. Commissioner Wagner motioned to approve the current vendor for the above listed insurance renewals, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- c. Insurance Renewal – Dental and Vision Insurance – approved under “New Business” item b.
- d. Insurance Renewal – General Liability – Division Chief Wagner presented the flat renewal from current vendor VFIS. She requested the Board approve the renewal with VFIS as presented, but noted that a change from this vendor, mid-year, may be needed to lower workers compensation coverage. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to renew coverage as presented, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- e. Insurance Renewal – Workers Compensation – Division Chief Wagner reviewed the renewal increase provided by PGIT and noted an increase of 47 percent, due in part by the Heart and Lung presumption bill and PTSD presumption bill. Division Chief Wagner advised the Board that she is working with our agents to find a more cost effective carrier and recommended the Board renew the current policy contingent on not getting a better policy. If the District is able to secure a more cost effective policy a special meeting will be called for approval of the new vendor. After brief discussion, Commissioner Green motioned to approve the current vendor and coverage, seconded by Commissioner Wagner. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- f. Other Post Employee Benefits Valuation – Division Chief Wagner advised the Board that Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 75 requires a recording of a liability on the District books for the cost, impact, of having retiree benefits for insurance. Commissioner Green motioned to approve the valuation, 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 October 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and reminded the Board of the Final Budget Hearing scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 5:01 p.m.

Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.