

DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Main Station

848 Airport Road
Destin, Florida 32541

December 8, 2020

Minutes

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

Commissioners absent: 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

Chief Sasser recognized John Stephens with Luther's Pontoon & Jet Ski Rentals for support of the District and Community providing a pontoon boat for the District's use during the 2020 season. John's generosity made a difference in the response times and rescues to the Crab Island area in light of the District's loss of the fire boat. Chairman Moore presented John with a plaque of appreciation.

Public Comments

None

Review of Minutes

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

Review of Financial Report

Division Chief Wagner presented the financial statements for November 30, 2020 and noted that the Auditors are currently performing the audit for the District's fiscal year-end. Division Chief Wagner made note that the District's liability for the pension fund is now down to \$4.7 million, made possible by the District's aggressive movement in reducing the liability. 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 – Chief Sasser advised the Board that Trustmark is requiring that the District use a public finance attorney for the purchase of the land and has provided the Board with the engagement letter for their review. Commissioner Wilson asked about a competitive bid for the Attorney. Division Chief Wagner advised the Board that the

requirement feel into an emergency procurement situation and does not require the District to go out for a bid. After brief discussion between the Board, Chief Sasser and Division Chief Wagner, Commissioner Wilson motioned to approve the engagement letter with Bryant, Miller and Olive, Attorneys at Law, seconded by Commissioner Buckingham. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Sasser advised the Board that the District recommends Trustmark as the lender for the loan and requests Board approval to move forward with Trustmark. Commissioner Wilson motioned to approved Trustmark as the lender, seconded by Commissioner Buckingham. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Sasser noted that Mr. Shoults the property owner has added an addendum to the purchase of the property to allow for the Seller to perform an IRC Section 1031 tax deferred exchange. Commissioner Buckingham motioned to approve the addendum, seconded by Commissioner Green. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Reports

- a. Beach Safety Report – Division Chief D’Agostino reviewed the Beach Safety report for November 2020 and noted the first swims for the upcoming season will begin February 6, 2021.
- b. Training Report – Chief Sasser reviewed the Training Report for November 2020 and thanked Silver Shells for providing their facility for the High Rise training.
- c. Inspection Report – Fire Marshal Taylor reviewed the Inspection Report for November 2020 and noted that The Charles is moving forward with slab work currently being done.
- d. Overtime Report - Chief Sasser reported that the overtime was minimal for November 2020.

New Business

- a. Appoint resident member to board of Trustees – Seat 3 (expires 12/31/2021) – Chief Sasser advised the Board that Seat 3 is currently vacant due to a Trustee moving out of the area and provided the Board with a resume from a local resident with interest in the Seat for Board consideration. After brief discussion, Commissioner Green motioned to approve the applicant, seconded by Commissioner Buckingham. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Re-appoint resident Trustee Jared O’Neal – Seat 4 (expires 12/31/2020) – Chief Sasser informed the Board that the agreement is the same as past years with minor adjustments. Discussion ensued between the Board, Chief Sasser and Attorney Matthews regarding the modification and customization costs for the apparatus. Attorney Matthews stated he would clarify the County’s responsibility for the costs mentioned to assure it is enforced. Commissioner Wilson motioned to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Wagner. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.
- c. Interlocal Beach Safety Agreement with City – Chief Sasser advised the Board that the agreement with the City of Destin should be available for Board approval at the December meeting.

- d. Ratification of Selected Articles (5) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Destin Professional Firefighters' Association Local #3158 for the period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2022 – Chief Sasser advised the Board that the agreement was opened to discuss paramedic class participation and to ensure current employees attending paramedic school would be allowed time off to go to class. Chief Sasser also discussed other adjustments to the agreement for Board approval. Commissioner Wagner motioned to approve the agreement and to make it retro from October 1, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Sasser requested the Board also make Staff adjustments retro back to October 1, 2020. Commissioner Green motioned to make the Staff adjustments retro to October 1, 2020, 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 December 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.