

Agenda Item

Subject: Review of Minutes – Regular meeting – October 10, 2023

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

Staff present: Chief Sasser, Division Chiefs Joe D’Agostino, and Matt Taylor; Tammy Peacock

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore at 5:30 p.m.

Employee Recognitions

Chief Sasser presented to the Board and announced the promotion of Engineer / Paramedic Ben Hartley to the rank of Captain / Paramedic, Engineer Doug Kocour to the rank of Captain, and Firefighter / Paramedic Lindsay Jaehnig to the rank of Engineer / Paramedic. Chief Sasser presented them with their helmet shield and thanked them for their dedication and commitment to the District. Chief Sasser also congratulated Firefighter / Paramedic Alden Staat on obtaining his Paramedic license and clearance by the Medical Director.

Public Comments

None

Chief Reports

- a. Beach Safety Report – Division Chief D’Agostino reviewed the Beach Safety Report for September 2023.
- b. Training Report – Chief Sasser reviewed the Training Report for September 2023.
- c. Inspection Report – Division Chief Taylor reviewed the Inspection Report for September 2023.
- d. Overtime Report – Chief Sasser noted the overtime report reflects one (1) open slot and workers compensation backfill.
- e. Medical Report – Battalion Chief Landis reviewed the Medical Report for September 2023 and noted that ambulance wait-times are averaging 50 minutes for on-scene.

Discussion ensued between the Board, Chief Sasser and Battalion Chief Landis on the conflicts arising with DFCD personnel off District apparatus while assisting Okaloosa County EMS with ride-ins to the hospital.

Review of Minutes

The minutes of the Tentative Budget Hearing – September 12, 2023; Regular Meeting of September 12, 2023, and Final Budget Hearing – September 21, 2023, were presented. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.



Review of Financial Report

Chief Sasser advised the Board that the financial statement for September 30, 2023, is being finalized for year-end. No action taken.

Old Business

a. West End of District Station – Commissioner Buckingham stated the generator at the station is still an item the City of Destin still has in question.

Discussion ensued between the Board and Chief Sasser on how to move forward to get the Station's final certificate of occupancy.

b. Dock at 127 Calhoun Avenue – Commissioner Buckingham advised the Board he has a meeting with the City of Destin on November 8th to move forward with the plans.

New Business

a. Equipment Use Agreement Destin High School – Attorney Matthews advised the Board that the three (3) month rental agreement for the UTV is expiring and needs Board approval if they so choose to extend the rental agreement. Attorney Matthews noted that the UTV is still at Beach Safety and if the Board approves the extension, the UTV will need to be transported to the High School along with information for the company who currently works on the UTV. Commissioner Wagner motioned to approve the renewal, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Resolution to Sell L-10 – Chief Sasser advised the Board the sale of Ladder 10 needs to go through the RFP process and if a sufficient price is not received the District will consider utilizing a broker to sell the apparatus. Commissioner Wagner motioned to approve Resolution 24-01, seconded by Commissioner Buckingham. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

c. Employment Contract – Fire Chief – Chief Sasser advised the Board he desires to continue to lead the Destin team and he has future accomplishments he would like to see come to fruition before he retires. Commissioner Buckingham motioned to approve Chief Sasser's contract as presented, seconded by Commissioner Green.

Commissioner Wagner requested Chief Sasser's contract also be amended to require a 5 – 0 vote to terminate without cause. Commissioner Buckingham amended the motion to include the requirement of a 5 – 0 vote to terminate without cause, seconded by Commissioner Green. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

Chairman Moore announced that the next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

