

Agenda Item

Subject: Review of Minutes – Regular meeting – January 9, 2024

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

Staff present: Chief Sasser, Division Chiefs Kathryn Wagner, 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 recognized and congratulated Battalion Chief Justin Blixt on his 20-year anniversary with the District and thanked Battalion Chief Blixt for his support of and dedication to the District. Chief Sasser also introduced and welcomed new hire Firefighter Matt Hartsfield to the District, congratulated him and presented him with his Technical Rescue Team helmet for completing all required courses to become a part of the Technical Rescue Team which he accomplished prior to becoming a part of the DFCD team.

Public Comments

None

Chief Reports

- a. Beach Safety Report – Division Chief D’Agostino reviewed the Beach Safety Report for December 2023.
- b. Training Report – Chief Sasser reviewed the Training Report for December 2023.
- c. Inspection Report – Division Chief Taylor reviewed the Inspection Report for December 2023.
- d. Overtime Report – Chief Sasser noted the overtime report reflects one (1) open slot and workers compensation backfill for December 2023.
- e. Medical Report – Battalion Chief Landis reviewed the Medical Report for December 2023.

Review of Minutes

The minutes of December 12, 2023, were presented. Commissioner Buckingham 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 reviewed the preliminary financial statements for December 31, 2023. Commissioner Wagner motioned to approve the preliminary financial statements for December 31, 2023, 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 the City of Destin approved a temporary certificate of occupancy and Mr. Black is working on the few items needed to final the certificate of occupancy.
- b. Dock at 127 Calhoun Avenue – Commissioner Buckingham advised the Board that he and Chief Sasser will speck out the drawings and the District will then put out the request for bids (RFP).

Discussion ensued on options for the pilings and construction materials.

- c. Re-Inspection Fee update- Chief Sasser advised the Board that District Staff and Attorney Matthews had the conference call with the State Fire Marshal’s office and the challenges the District has on imposing powers. Attorney Matthews noted that the District could form it’s own Board or bring violations to a Magistrate which any decision could be appealed.

Discussion ensued on pulling the Fire Department Approval letter and advising the City / County of the revocation until violations are cleared; once cleared the Fire Department Approval letter would be re-issued. No action taken.

New Business

- a. Election of Officers – Commissioner Wilson motioned to retain the current officers; Rick Moore – Chair, Tommy Green – Vice-Chair, Jack Wilson – Secretary. Commissioner Buckingham seconded. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Appointment of Employee Relations Commissioner – Chairman Moore appointed Commissioner Buckingham as the Employee Relations Commissioner

Next Meeting

Chairman Moore announced the next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

