

Captiva Island Fire Control District Commission Meeting Minutes March 11, 2024

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Brown called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Commissioners Sims, Campbell, Brown, Chief Pawul, and Samantha Quinn present.

Minutes from Regular Board Meeting

February 13th Meeting minutes reviewed and approved/ signed. Commissioner Campbell made the motion to approve, second by Commissioner Sims, no discussion.

Financial Statements

Financial statements through February 29, 2024, were reviewed and approved.

Administrative Update

a) Personnel responded to emergencies; annual fire inspections were completed. Personnel compensated absences reviewed through February 29, 2024.

Operations Update

- a) Fire Chief- update on general operations
- **b)** VFIS renewal- all policies approved for renewal and approved the signing of the rate increase. VFIS has been increasing all rates across the State due to the severity of recent storms and their new modeling for rates. Building premium increased, but all other categories were decreased.
- c) Rental Inspections- There are few FD agencies in Florida who are now doing inspections on rental properties. Manatee County has developed a process that follows that laws already in place and the needed regestartion with DBPR and a Occupancy change within the County. Chief is going to setup a meeting to further understand their process. Commissioner Brown requested that we also consider what options we have for funding besides Ad Valorem taxation (Assessments, Combination of taxes and assessment, etc). It has become obvious that after the storm, certain properties may be paying unequal amounts due to the Property Appraiser's assessment of properties and damage incurred, maybe there is a better way. Chief will follow-up with the District's attorney to start exploring options for the future.
- **d)** Ethics training- reminder to all to complete ethics training.
- **e)** Microsoft- District has begun migrating the email and station files to Office 365 instead of a physical server at the station to assist with remote operations during natural disasters.
- **f)** WCIND grant- the District is not applying for the grant in this FY due to no approval or permits already in-place for a boat lift. The District is still exploring possible locations for a boat lift/ dock for M181.
- **g)** Training structure- a family has agreed to let us use a residential property for training, but their attorney has not signed off on the waiver of liability yet. Chief does not expect that it will be approved before the property is torn down.

New Business
April meeting canceled due to schedule conflicts, May meeting rescheduled from 5/15 to 5/7.
Public Comment
None
Motion to adjourn by Campbell, second by Commissioner Sims, meeting adjourned by Commissioner Brown at 4:58 pm.
Jeff Brown
Sherrill Sims
Carole Campbell

h) R/M- The District water heaters both needed replaced at a cost of \$7500, E189 in back in the shop for major repairs to the fire pump again, expected in the \$9-10,000 range,

the FLIR on M181 is no longer serviceable and will need replaced as well.

General Business