



# Captiva Island Fire Control District

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## Captiva Island Fire Control District Commission Meeting Minutes January 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

December 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting minutes reviewed and approved/ signed. Commissioner Campbell made the motion to approve, second by Commissioner Sims, no discussion.

### Financial Statements

Financial statements through December 31, 2023, were reviewed and approved.

### Administrative Update

- a) Personnel responded to 43 emergencies; 3 annual fire inspections were completed. Personnel compensated absences reviewed through December 31, 2023.

### Operations Update

- a) Fire District is still working with Lee County to establish a permanent home to house a boat lift for Marine 181. We are working with both Lee County and McCarthy's Marina, no further update.
- b) The Chief is in the process of trying to appeal FEMA's decision to not fund our CAT-E project. It has been stated the current project needs to be amended before an appeal can be submitted.
- c) Chief provided a legislative update about legislation that has been introduced that would require all Special District's to go out to referendum to continue taxation ability, term limits, increased oversight and reporting, etc. It has been stated that the bill will be amended to remove the reauthorization language from the bill.
- d) Form 1- all Board members need to complete form 1 financial disclosures for 2023. The new process is online and will differ from previous years.
- e) Upper Captiva generator fire- it has drawn attention to the issues, that many homeowners have installed generators improperly in the past. There is a safety bulletin posted on our website.
- f) Marco island explosion- a recent explosion in Marco was determined to be caused by premature corrosion in the underground electrical wires due to storm surge in the conduit. Safety bulletin has been placed on our website.
- g) OPEB audit has begun and will be completed over the next month or so.
- h) Impact fee schedule is in the process of being updated/ evaluated by Lee County. They hope to have a draft analysis in the next few months.
- i) The District has been given the opportunity to train on structures by Stillwell Enterprises and South Seas Resort...both opportunities will be extremely valuable training for personnel.
- j) Fire Chief met with the Property Appraiser, Matt Caldwell, and some of his staff to help determine possible short falls for next year as well as the current year. There have been corrections made to the roll since we set our budget, but the impact of the

potential change is unknown at this time. They have to develop reports for clarity on the details of the corrections made so far.

**General Business**

- a. **Resolution 2024-10**- Approving of the disposition of surplus equipment. Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Sims, motion carries.

**New Business**

**Public Comment**

None

Motion to adjourn by Campbell, second by Commissioner Sims, meeting adjourned by Commissioner Brown at 4:48 pm.

**Jeff Brown**

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**Sherrill Sims**

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**Carole Campbell**

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