



Captiva Island Fire Control District

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Captiva Island Fire Control District Commission Meeting Minutes October 15, 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

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

Financial Statements

Financial statements through September 30, 2024, were reviewed and approved.

Administrative Update

- a) Personnel responded to 27 emergencies; 21 fire inspections were completed. Personnel compensated absences reviewed through September 30, 2024.

Consent Agenda

N/A

Operations Update

a. Fire Chief

- Hurricane Milton- Thorough update provided of Hurricane Milton. The District evacuated into Ft. Myers at a South Trail Fire District during the worst of the storm and then made entry back in the early morning to begin SAR, Damage assessment, etc. Many things went well this time, but others such as, opening of the main roads did not. The Chief has expressed his concern about the lack of coordination by Lee County when the decision was made to open Blind Pass with no restrictions. In our opinion, the roads were not yet safe for normal traffic. The main hazards the storm posed was propane leaks, large amounts of sand and road washout preventing ability for Fire and EMS to navigate roads, Electric Vehicles submerged in saltwater, and electrical systems being submerged and covered in salt.
- High water vehicle- It has been proven during the most recent storms (Ian, Debby, Helene and Milton) that sand over the roads and flooding throughout the island are becoming a normal concern. Having a highwater vehicle and all District staff and rescue vehicles should be 4x4 in order to navigate the hazards immediately and during the storms is needed. During Debby and Helene, the FD was able to receive mutual aid from local FD's to provide SAR and evacuations, during Milton, those were not available since the rest of the County also saw effects from the storm. The Chief has been directed to find options for these types of vehicles for efficient response ability.
- Beach Flag warning system- Information has been sent to Lee County for review before we can implement. Lee County is still reviewing the program. No further updates provided.

b. Board items

None.

General Business

New Business

Next meeting to be held on November 12, 2024.

Public Comment

None

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

Jeff Brown

Sherrill Sims

Carole Campbell
