

Captiva Island Fire Control District Commission Meeting Minutes June 4, 2024

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Brown called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Commissioners Sims, Campbell, Brown, Chief Pawul, and Samantha Quinn present.

Minutes from Regular Board Meeting

May 7th Meeting minutes reviewed and approved/ signed. Commissioner Campbell made the motion to approve, second by Commissioner Sims, no discussion.

Financial Statements

Financial statements through May 31, 2024, were reviewed and approved.

Administrative Update

a) Personnel responded to 66 emergencies; 9 annual fire inspections were completed. Personnel compensated absences reviewed through May 31, 2024.

Operations Update

- a) Funding options- Initial tax estimates for the island were roughly 2% greater than the previous year. This is still large decrease from previous of the hurricane. Chief has scheduled a meeting with the Property Appraiser to gain a better understanding of why. The Chief will continue to evaluate the process with the District attorney to determine if a non-ad valorem assessment could be beneficial to island residents to help with swings in valuation (i.e. hurricanes) and what the process would entail to make this work. Some properties have seen drastic changes after the storm, even though the service of each property does not change.
- **b)** Hans Wilson will begin the study required to use the County Easement at Andy Rosse for M181. The sea grass study could not start until June 1.
- c) Community Disaster loan has been approved for the District totaling just over \$749,000. This will be evaluated after the 3-year mark post disaster to determine the interest rate and then payments would start at the 5 year mark. It was decided/agreed that we should utilize a loan to reduce taxes when we have the ability to increase millage rates to fund the budget. Chief was directed to continue the process in case it was needed if we have another storm this year.
- **d)** SU181 completion- the unit has had all the radios installed and has been put into service.

General Business

a. **Resolution 2024-15-** Approval of the audited financial statements as presented by Clifton Larson Allen, Inc. The audit was clean with no findings. Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Sims, all in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment
None
Motion to adjourn by Campbell, second by Commissioner Sims, meeting adjourned by Commissioner Brown at 9:55 am.
Jeff Brown
Sherrill Sims
Carole Campbell

New Business