



Captiva Island Fire Control District

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Captiva Island Fire Control District Commission Meeting Minutes December 10, 2024

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Brown called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Commissioners Sims, Campbell, Brown, Chief Pawul, and Samantha Quinn present.

Minutes from Regular Board Meeting

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

Consent Agenda

- a. Items for approval- N/A
- b. Items to be pulled for discussion by the Board- N/A
- c. Motion to approve balance of the items- N/A

Financial Statements

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

Administrative Update

- a) Personnel responded to 49 emergencies; 10 fire inspections were completed. Personnel compensated absences reviewed through November 30, 2024.

Operations Update

a. Fire Chief

- FEMA update- Both Hurricane Milton and Hurricane Helene have been submitted and are under review. Hurricane Ian is still under from station damage.
- Vacation rental inspections- further discussions from prior meetings reviewed, ultimately the decision is to continue researching the topic for some consistency across the state as rental properties have grown in popularity but still largely unregulated/ enforced.
- Apparatus/ vehicle resiliency measures- all response apparatus and staff vehicles are being upgraded to be able to handle proper hurricane response. The District has realized after the last few hurricanes that not all vehicles were able to be utilized to their potential due to the fact that they were not 4x4 and/ or did not have off-road tires to properly handle the water, sand and debris washed on the roadways.
- Fire station flood proofing measures- Chief is meeting with multiple vendors about flood panels to protect certain areas of the fire station due to increase of storm surge events over the last few years. When the station was constructed, flood panels were only implemented for the electrical room and that was it due to unlikely scenario of the island flooding based off historical data.
- Funding options- Chief provided a summary (from the District's attorney) of the process to implement a fire assessment to supplement tax revenue. After the last few rounds of hurricanes, it has been noticed that during these types of events the

funding model of Ad Valorem taxes is not always the most equitable for property owners. When a property is removed from the tax roll, other properties that were not as damaged will have to make up the difference even though the damaged property is still a hazard for fire and ems services while the property is being reconstructed. The District's charter currently allows for this type of assessment but it does require a referendum vote of the island to make these changes. The Board members can see the benefit of such a combination model during these types of events, but the traditional model has also worked extremely well since the District's inception. The process is likely best completed over 2 years due to the need for studies by outside firms and to gauge the desire of the community as well. The consensus is to continue the discussion and to involve the District attorney as questions come up during further research of the process, all Board members are to relay any questions as they come up.

- Donation of bunker gear- the District has bunker gear that is no longer in date or useable, the Chief is going to see if the fire academy would like the gear as a donation. All Board members in favor of this.
- Donation of Ford Explorer- July meeting minutes approved of the disposal of the asset by resolution, but the resolution did not clearly state that all members agreed to donate the item to the Useppa Fire Department, Chief wanted this to be clearly accounted for in the minutes- All Board members were and are still in favor of the donation.
- Disaster Advisory Council- Chief has been appointed to the Lee County Disaster Advisory Council.

Board items

None.

General Business

None

New Business

Next meeting to be held on January 7, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

Public Comment

None

Motion to adjourn by Sims, second by Commissioner Campbell, meeting adjourned by Commissioner Brown at 12:11 pm.

Jeff Brown

Sherrill Sims

Carole Campbell
