



Captiva Island Fire Control District

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Captiva Island Fire Control District Commission Meeting Minutes February 11, 2025

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

January 7th Meeting minutes reviewed and approved/ signed. Commissioner Campbell made the motion to approve, second by Commissioner Sims, 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 January 31, 2025, were reviewed and approved.

Administrative Update

- a) Personnel responded to 36 emergencies for the month of January; 16 fire inspections were completed. Personnel compensated absences reviewed through January 31, 2025.

Operations Update

a. Fire Chief

- FEMA update- Both Hurricane Milton and Hurricane Helene have been submitted and are under review. All projects have been tentatively approved to obligate the funds.
- Highwater response Apparatus/ vehicle- Vehicle options have been explored and evaluated. The best option and most cost-effective vehicle is a retired FPL truck that can be refurbished to suit our needs. San Carlos Park Fire District has used the same method with great success. Their vehicle was utilized on Boca Grande for a significant time after Hurricane Milton and proved to be a great asset with a low cost compared to other options. These vehicles have a significantly lower maintenance cost than the retired military LMTV style vehicles as well.
- South Seas Resort zoning hearing are scheduled for February. The District attorney will reach out to SSR to address concerns of the District as opposed to the Chief directly and work to resolve those if possible. A statement will be made by the Chief at the hearings with the same posture our original letter to the BOCC was.
- Apparatus replacement- The cost to replace the Engine with the same build we currently have is roughly \$1.1 million, with the Ladder cost coming in at \$1.75 million. Both vehicles will take between 3-4 years to build. Discussion by Board members is that we will likely need to purchase the ladder simply due to homes being built to new code with resiliency measures. Chief was directed to bring back official quotes to the next meeting.

- Open house- scheduled for March 8th, 12:00-2:30 pm. All are welcomes.
- Property Parcel data- we have continued to compile data in reference to parcel data relating to taxable values from prior to Hurricane Ian to the present. This will assist in the discussion for tax model vs assessment model. Chief can share the workbook.
- VFIS- our insurance for the building, liability and accident/ sickness if up for renewal in April. Expecting another large increase.
- Lieutenant Kilgore has been assigned to a 40-hour admin shift to assist with training and prevention while he continues his education required for promotion.

Board items

General Business

None

New Business

Next meeting to be held on March 11, 2025 at 11:57 am.

Public Comment

None

Motion to adjourn by Campbell, second by Commissioner sims, meeting adjourned by Commissioner Brown at 4:40 pm.

Jeff Brown

Sherrill Sims

Carole Campbell
