

Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District
Minutes for Regular Commissioners Board Meeting
August 26, 2020
Subject to Board Approval

Due to COVID-19 this meeting was held via video conference using GoToMeeting.com

Call to Order: Commissioner Player called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Invocation: Mr. Pritt led everyone in the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Player led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioner Player, Valcarcel, Price and Cammick were present.

Chief Mickuleit, Deputy Chief Brant, Assistant Chief Davis, Mr. Pritt, Captain Barr, and Administrative Assistant Miles were present.

Guest: Michael Dreikorn, Angie Young, Angela Brant, Jamie Brush, and an unidentified guest were present.

Setting of Agenda: Commissioner Player asked if there were any changes or public comment on the agenda. There were none. **Commissioner Cammick moved to approve the agenda, Commissioner Price seconded. Agenda approved.**

Selecting Positions for new Board Members: There was brief discussion of who would fill the vice-chair and secretary positions open. Commissioner Player asked for any public comment, there was none.

Roll call vote for Commissioner Valcarcel to fill the Vice-Chair position:

Cammick: Aye Valcarcel: Aye

Price: Aye Player: Aye

Roll call vote for Commissioner Price to fill the Secretary position:

Cammick: Aye Valcarcel: Aye

Price: Aye Player: Aye

Approval of Minutes:

July 22, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and August 6, 2020 Regular Workshop Board Meeting Minutes– **Commissioner Cammick moved to accept minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurers Report: 7/18 – 8/21/2020 Treasurer’s Report presented by Commissioner Cammick. **Commissioner Valcarcel moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Motion passed unanimously.**

Cash Disbursements: 7/18 – 8/21/2020 **Commissioner Valcarcel moved to accept the cash disbursements as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.**

Accountants Compilation Report: Presented by Sarah Miles. **Commissioner Valcarcel moved to accept Accountants Compilation Report, with the correction in the budget to actual column noted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioners’ Expenses: None

Guest Speakers: None

Public Comment – Agenda Items: None

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Firefighters: None

Union: None

New Business:

1. **RESOLUTION 08262020: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF KENNETH COX FROM THE FIRE BOARD OF THE MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT; DECLARING A VACANCY IN OFFICE FOR SEAT 5 OF THE DISTRICT; DIRECTING THE BOARD SECRETARY TO NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND LEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**
Motion made by Commissioner Cammick to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Price, Resolution approved.

Discussion was made on when and how to fill the vacancy. Mr. Pritt mentioned that the Board had the decision to appoint tonight or go through the process of interviews like they have done in the past. Commissioner Cammick moved to fill the seat tonight, Commissioner Price seconded. There were multiple public comments made on the process of how the Board plans to fill the seat. As further discussion was made the board decided that they would allow for resumes and hold interviews and appoint at a later date. Commissioner Cammick and Price withdrew their motion and second, respectively. **Commissioner Cammick made a motion advertise the vacancy in the Pine Island Eagle, and accept resumes from candidates to be interviewed at a special meeting to be held September 16, 2020 at 5:00pm at Station 1. Commissioner Price seconded. Motion Approved.**

2. Discussion of Chief's comp-time buy out: A memo was presented to the Board with the calculation of buying out the Chief's comp-time that was rolled over from when he was in the deputy Chief position. Currently the liability is on the District's books and increases every year due to the increase in Chief's salary. The Chief has agreed to take an average of his salary from the time he was promoted to Chief and now in order to save the District money. **Commissioner Cammick made a motion to approve the buyout, Commissioner Price Seconded. Motion approved.**
3. Discussion of location for September 23, 2020 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting: Chief reminded everyone that the September 9, 2020 initial budget hearing has already been advertised as virtual, but going forward the Board had the decision to move the meeting to the bays for in-person meetings. **Commissioner Price moved to have the September 23, 2020 Regular scheduled meeting/Final budget hearing in the bays at Station 1. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cammick. Motion approved.**

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Old Business:

1. Station 4: Chief informed the board that there are only a few dead trees left to be replaced, and the edging seems to be holding up well.
2. Discussion of FASD membership: Admin assistant Miles researched and presented the cost of membership and the benefits associated. The board felt that the benefits were not worth the cost of the annual membership.
3. Continued discussion of Chief's contract: Mr. Pritt has reviewed the Chief's contract for benefits that the chief should have been receiving over the term of his last contract, noting that the same language is in the Deputy Chief's contract as well. The board discussed what the items were specifically and tried to estimate what the complete buyout will be to honor the previous contract. Mr. Pritt reminded the board that what has been missed in the past is irreversible and if it wants to be changed going forward that both parties will need to agree to open the contract. **Commissioner Price moved to payout whatever was needed to make the Chief whole on his prior contract and look into opening his recently signed contract at the October meeting. Commissioner Cammick seconded. Motion approved.**

Chief's Report: Brief discussion on the following items:

1. Chief asked Mr. Pritt about having an executive session in a virtual meeting, if it would be feasible. Mr. Pritt suggested to add the executives session to the special meeting on September 16, 2020, the board agreed.
2. Engineer testing went well and we will be announcing the promotion at the end of this month.
3. September we will begin Captain testing.
4. We have selected 3 new firefighters to hopefully start mid-September, pending physicals.
5. School starts on Monday, there will be a truck out with a banner reminding drivers to keep an eye out for children.
6. The new E-152 is still on track for completion.

Public Comment – General: None

Good of the District:

Commissioner Valcarcel stated that she would like for the Board to do an ethics seminar. Chief stated that he would get with Mr. Pritt on setting that up. Commissioner Cammick stated that he really appreciates the diverse opinions that the two new board members have brought to the board.

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Adjournment:

**Commissioner Cammick moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Miles
District Administrative Assistant

Board Secretary

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