

Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District
Minutes for Regular Commissioners Board Meeting
November 18, 2020
Subject to Board Approval

Call to Order: Commissioner Player called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Invocation: Commissioner Dreikorn led everyone in the invocation.

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

Oath of Office: Administrative Assistant led Commissioner's Player, Price, and DeLacey in their oaths of office for their newly elected terms 2020-2024.

Roll Call: Commissioner Player, Cammick, Dreikorn, DeLacey, and Price were present. Chief Mickuleit, Deputy Chief Brant, Assistant Chief Davis, Mr. Pritt, Captain Russell, Engineer Russ, Firefighter Peer, Firefighter Saffold, and Administrative Assistant Miles were present. Guests: Darlene Soler and Travis, Saylor, and Colton DeLacey.

Setting of Agenda: Commissioner Player asked if there were any changes or public comment on the agenda. Chief Mickuleit responded, that there were no changes to the agenda items, just that the order had been changed from what was posted on the website, at the suggestion of Mr. Pritt. **Commissioner Cammick moved to approve the agenda, Commissioner Dreikorn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comment – Agenda Items: None

Election of Officers: There was brief discussion of the positions and then nominations as follows.

1. **Chair:** Commissioner Dreikorn nominated Commissioner Player, Commissioner Cammick seconded. Commissioner Player accepted. Unanimously approved.
2. **Vice Chair:** Commissioner Cammick nominated Commissioner Dreikorn, Commissioner Player seconded. Commissioner Dreikorn accepted. Unanimously approved.
3. **Treasurer:** Commissioner Dreikorn nominated Commissioner Cammick, Commissioner Price seconded. Commissioner Cammick accepted. Unanimously approved.
4. **Secretary:** Commissioner Cammick nominated Commissioner Price, Commissioner Dreikorn seconded. Commissioner Price accepted. Unanimously approved.
5. **Vice Secretary:** Commissioner Dreikorn nominated Commissioner DeLacey, Commissioner Cammick seconded. Commissioner DeLacey accepted. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

1. September 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes - Commissioner Dreikorn moved to accept minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.
2. October 28, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes - Commissioner Cammick moved to accept minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dreikorn. Motion passed unanimously.

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Treasurers Report: 10/24 – 11/13/2020 Treasurer’s Report presented by Commissioner Cammick. **Commissioner Dreikorn moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner DeLacey. Motion passed unanimously.**

Cash Disbursements: 10/24 – 11/13/2020 **Commissioner Dreikorn moved to accept the cash disbursements as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.**

In the previous Regular Board Meeting the Board asked for some changes to the Treasurers and Cash Disbursements Reports to make them easier to read. Administrative Assistant Miles went over the proposed changes with the Board and answered questions. The Board is happy with the new reports and would like to use them going forward.

Accountants Compilation Report: Presented by Administrative Assistant Miles. **Commissioner Cammick moved to accept Accountants Compilation Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioners’ Expenses: None

Guest Speakers: None

Firefighters: None

Union: Captain Russell for DVP Barr, had a few things to say.

1. Congratulations to the new Commissioners.
2. The Union helped to sell 100 raffle tickets on behalf of the Kiwanis Supermarket Sweep.
3. The Union will be buying gifts for some elderly people in need through the Beacon of Hope as well as some children through Pine Island Elementary.

New Business: None

Old Business:

1. Agreement with Roetzel and Andress:

Unfortunately Mrs. Grady, who will be taking over for Mr. Pritt in the next month was not able to be with us tonight, and Mr. Pritt was only able to attend by phone. Mr. Pritt briefly discussed the new contract presented to the Board as well as the memo prepared with it. The main changes were an increase in fees from \$1,200/month to \$1,500 per month, which is still well below the average for Government rates in our area. Additionally the firm is proposing a one year contract instead of three to give both parties the ability to revisit how things are going in a year instead of three. Mr. Pritt informed the Board that the contract did not have to be approved tonight, that they still had time from their prior contract, however it would not leave much room past next month’s meeting. The board briefly discussed the contract and came to the conclusion that they would feel more comfortable with a three year contract so that there wouldn’t have to be concern with rate increases in the next couple years. Mr. Pritt said that he would get with Mrs. Grady with the change and see if the firm is good with this change and hopefully have a contract ready to sign soon. **Commissioner Dreikorn moved to accept the proposed**

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contract with an increase to three years instead of just one. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed unanimously.

2. *Purchasing Policy:*

Administrative Assistant Miles explained to the Board that Mrs. Renee is working on the policy and admin has not had a chance to review it, we hope to have something to present next month.

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

1. The new brush truck is in the design phase, we hope to get started on the work soon.
2. We were able to get an additional \$40k in savings off the purchase of the new hose, budgeted for in the current year. With these savings we were able to get better quality hose than we originally planned.
3. We are planning our holiday event for this year. We will have a drive by "Santa Sighting" where kids can wave to Santa, pick up a goody bag and stuffed animal and drop off their letters to Santa. This will be held the night of December 11th.
4. With the more recent spike in COVID-19 we are not easing any of our restrictions put in place to keep the guys and community safe.
5. Deputy Chief Brant spoke about Hurricane ETA. The main focus of the Departments efforts were on the two different boats that came loose from their anchors in Matlacha Pass and ended up stuck on the main bridge in Matlacha. The first boat was able to be salvaged and tied off to the dock at the Bridgewater Inn for the remainder of the storm. By the time that the second boat broke loose the winds were too high in order to get a salvage company there to remove it. So our guys stayed at the bridge through the storm and had to shut down the bridge for a short period when the winds were at their peak to make sure no one was injured. The Board discussed briefly what could be done to ensure that something like this doesn't happen in the future. There were different ideas discussed about jurisdiction and rights of the District to enforce safe mooring. Admin is going to look into options and get back with the Board.
6. Training updated: since we now have three new fire fighters, two new engineers, and one new captain there has been quite a bit of training going on. Assistant Chief Davis has been recording trainings and uploading them to Facebook to keep the community involved.
7. We will be participating in the golf cart parade in the Cape Royal community as well as the Boat parade both during the month of December.
8. The new truck is still on track, we will be driving the old truck being traded in up on Dec 3rd.
9. We received our compliance letter for TRIM from the State.

Public Comment – General: None

Good of the District:

1. Commissioner Price noted a few events that Cape Royal has hosted/will be hosting over the coming month, he hopes to continue to find ways to involve the department in these events going forward.

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2. Commissioner Dreikorn informed everyone of the oyster restoration project that will be taking place the first week of December.
3. Thank you Mr. Pritt for your many years of service, we hope that you will be at our next meeting in person so that we can thank you properly!

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