

Iona McGregor Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes

June 16, 2010

6PM

Meeting called to order 6:01p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer observed

Roll Call: Chair stated that all Commissioners, District's Attorney, and relevant staff present – no roll call needed.

Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2010

Motion (4706) to approve minutes made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Dorsett... passed

Approval of Treasurer's Report – May, 2010

Motion (4707) to approve Treasurers Report made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Taylor... passed

Agenda Items Requiring Action

- 1) Engine 75
- 2) Commissioner Compensation
- 3) Retirement Form - DROP
- 4) Town Hall Meeting
- 5) August Commission Meeting

Adoption of Agenda

Motion (4708) to adopt agenda made by Commissioner Dorsett, seconded by Commissioner Brown... passed.

Public Comment on Agenda Items - none

Chief's Report -

Chief presented employee service awards – recognized FF Ray for his 20 years of service, FF Kilkelly for his 25 years, BC Berndt for his 25 years, and Lt Hartman for his 30 years of service. Chief gave a reminder to elected officials to file F-1 form with County. Finance Director Baker will speak of GASB54 during Division reports.

Division/Committee Reports

DC Brown and Deputy Chief Jorgensen gave an overview of the windshield assessment program that automates the capture of damage assessment and uploads to Lee County Emergency Management. This information goes to the state for damage estimates that will ensure Federal funds are released as soon as practical after a hurricane or natural disaster. All crews will be trained.

Finance Director Baker began with an overview of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statement 54 and new fund balance. Budget will incorporate GASB54. The various fund balances were identified and explained by FD Baker in detail. Finance Director Baker explained that an accepted practice is to have no less than Sixty days of reserves as the minimum floor fund balance according to Government Finance Officers Association. Audit is going well, and should be done soon, per FD Baker. The District has completed the financial condition

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assessment. FD Baker enlightened Board on the Financial Condition Assessment and how it came to be as well as its purpose. Chief briefly addressed the reserves.

Attorney Report –

Continuing to work through process of readying for upcoming election in August. The contract with Gravina Smith Matte & Arnold has completed. The District has received property appraisers initial report, July will be heavy and TRIM should come July 1st. Possible special meeting around July 1st to consider info from property appraiser, discuss TRIM, budget needs, and levels of service. All information would be established and available. Important for everyone to know the facts.

Unfinished Business –

1) Engine 75

Committee recommended some changes to engine 75 after looking at one of the engines that had been assembled. One item was the folding ladder as well as additional funds to make the cabinets match the chassis. Commissioner Dorsett suggested we negotiate with vendor to gift the painting to District. **Motion** (4709) to approve change order as presented, with the understanding that the Chief will attempt to negotiate the painting charge, made by Commissioner Dorsett, seconded by Commissioner Brown... motion carries four/three.

2) Commissioner Compensation

Motion (4710) to change Commission pay schedule to bi-weekly made by Commissioner Dorsett, seconded by Commissioner Brown... passed.

New Business

1) Retirement Form – DROP

Chief discussed reasoning for preparing the form. Form has been reviewed by the labor attorney and submitted to the Union as required by the contract. **Motion** (4711) to approve form as presented by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Taylor... passed

2) Town Hall Meeting

Chief discussed holding a Town Hall meeting July 27th at 6:30 p.m. with a State of the District address. We would invite any citizens that wish to attend. SEA draft should be completed for 09/10 regarding performance of responses, inspections, etc... to date. Should have 08/09 completed SEA by 27th as well. Chief described the recently released NIST study that validates the NFPA 1710 standard that describes staffing levels and response times in order to provide favorable outcomes when fighting structure fires.

Motion (4712) to approve special meeting on July 27th at 6:30 p.m. made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Brown... during discussion, Chair stated that he has approved the advertisement. Following discussion, motion carries.

3) August Commission Meeting

Attorney Pringle stated conflict with advertised date of August 8th. Following discussion with Board, date of August 16th was found to be best alternative. **Motion** (4713) by Commission

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Brown to reschedule the August regular Commission meeting to August 16th at 6:00p.m., second by Commissioner Barbosa...passed.

4) Special meeting

Following Attorney Pringle's report and recommendation to hold a Special meeting close to the July 1st date, Board coordinated their calendars, along with Chief and Attorney Pringle, and decided on July 1st at 6:00p.m. for this meeting. **Motion** (4714) to hold Special meeting on July 1st at 6:00 p.m. made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded Commissioner Dorsett... passed.

DVP Report

Negotiations have begun. Nothing further to report

Public Comment – non agenda items –

Inspector Hingson mentioned that 2/3 weeks ago Prevention received several calls from attorneys representing companies that are looking to work on construction in area on properties that had previous construction abandoned.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Brown requested the chief provide a copy of the State of District report and a traffic signal preemption report as well. Commissioner Taylor offered that the recent FASD conference was the best one he's attended. FASD changed the program and much was derived from it, per Chair. All presentations are on the FASD website for those that could not attend.

Chief added, regarding FASD, local governments are able to utilize social media; however attorney presenting at FASD suggests Special District's stay away from social media, citing potential concerns with public information retention issues. We may wish to develop in-house policy on social media, per Chair. .

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Taylor... passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07p.m.