

**WEST MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

*Minutes of June 21, 2022
Administration Building and via Zoom*

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Promotion: Crystal Tucciarone to 3rd Class Firefighter Paramedic; Unit Citation Awards to FF/Medic Sedillo, Lt. Tackett, FF Bowen, and FF Bergbom.

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. with the following members present: Robert Bennett, David Bishop, and Al Robinson. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence and the oath.

Commissioner Bishop motioned to approve the excused absence of Commissioner Harris from the May 17, 2022, meeting; seconded by Commissioner Robinson; motion passed unanimously.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve consent agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Bishop; motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CARRIED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Performance Review Audit Recommendation: Vice Chairman Bennett explained that he and the rest of the Selection Committee met on June 9th and scored the two proposals that were submitted. One was a clear front runner, that one being BJM. Vice Chairman Bennett stated that on the point scale, BJM received 245 while the competitor scored 141. He stated that of the two options, BJM was more fire service oriented. He also mentioned that BJM was several thousand dollars cheaper than the competitor's price. He said that the price will be \$57,500. The competitor's price was \$74,000. Commissioner Bishop motioned to approve the recommendation of Vice Chairman Bennett and enter into a contract with BJM; seconded by Commissioner Robinson. Motion passed unanimously. There were four BJM representatives present at the meeting. They thanked the Board for choosing to work with them.
- B. Training Chief Job Description: Deputy Chief Johnson stated that they began negotiations with the Collective Bargaining Unit in April about a Training Officer position, however, they weren't able to reach an agreement. For this reason, he is presenting the Training Chief Job Description, Policy 11.8.0. He summarized some of the qualifications including that this person will need to have 8 years of paramedic experience, 8 years of experience in the fire service, and a bachelor's degree. He said that a lot of the requirements mirror that of the Battalion Chief job description. He also stated that the beginning base salary will be about \$93,000. Vice Chairman Bennett asked if the goal is for this person to start at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Chief Rigney confirmed that and stated the ideal start date will be September 26, 2022. Commissioner Bishop motioned to adopt the Training Chief Job Description, Policy 11.8.0; seconded by Commissioner Robinson. Motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Rigney congratulated Derrick Warner and William "Billy" Burke as both are running unopposed for Commission seats. He then thanked Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Harris for their 8 years of service to the District. He stated that we will be recognizing the retiring Commissioners in October. Chief Rigney then stated that next month he will be at an Executive Development Conference held by the Chief's Association so Deputy Chief Johnson will be filling in for him at the July Board meeting.

OTHER REPORTS: None

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COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Bishop commended the Unit Citation Award presentation and stated that it shows that we are putting very qualified people forward to make informed decisions that lead to successful recoveries and positive outcomes. He explained that this is why being an ALS department is so important. Commissioner Bishop then related this to the Fire Assessment Reallocation letter that will be sent to all parcels in the District. He explained that the reason for the letter is the addition of ALS non-transport. He said that the incident that was recognized tonight is a successful example of why the Board and the District have made the decision to go in the direction of ALS non-transport. He said it doesn't matter who arrives first out of EMS or the Fire Department because both will be able to deliver the same quality of advanced care. He made it clear that the goal of this is to get the best care to our citizens as quickly as possible, not to compete with EMS by any means. Commissioner Robinson agreed with the statements of Commissioner Bishop. Vice Chairman Bennett also agreed and reiterated the importance and benefits of the ALS non-transport service that WMFR provides. Vice Chairman Bennett also let the Board know that he attended the FASD Annual Conference last week. He stated that it was a great experience and that he learned a lot while beginning to complete some of his Certified District Officer (CDO) courses.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Administration building.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice Chairman Bennett adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

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