

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

*Minutes of May 17, 2022
Administration Building and via Zoom*

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: New Hire Oath – John Rosenfeldt; Unit Citation Awards; Phoenix and Lifesaving Awards; Battalion Chief Richard Jasinski's Retirement Awards

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. with the following members present: Larry Jennis, Robert Bennett, David Bishop, and Al Robinson. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence and the oath.

Chairman Jennis stated that Commissioner Harris is absent tonight. Chief Rigney verified that Commissioner Harris is connected via Zoom. Chairman Jennis stated that the board rules include that if any Commissioner is not physically present at a regular meeting they must abstain from voting, however, they may participate in discussion. Commissioner Robinson motioned to allow Commissioner Harris to participate in discussion but abstain from voting; seconded by Commissioner Bishop; motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING 2022 FIRE ASSESSMENT RATES: Administrative Assistant Wright verified that public notice was advertised in The Bradenton Herald on Sunday, May 8th, 2022. Chief Rigney stated at last month's meeting he was asked to bring back a 0% and 4% rate increase for the resolution. He stated that our Legal Council did assist us in changing this resolution from ones in the past to be able to fit the reallocation needs. These additions included our District Map and the proposed budget. Chief Rigney restated last month's recommendation of accepting the 4% increase for the resolution. Chairman Jennis opened the public hearing for public comments; there were none. Chairman Jennis closed the public hearing. There was no discussion from the Board. Commissioner Bennett motioned to approve the 2022 Fire Assessment Rates Resolution 2022-01 as presented with a 4% increase. Commissioner Bishop seconded. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Bishop – yes, Commissioner Robinson – no, Commissioner Bennett - yes, Chairman Jennis - yes. Motion passed 3-1 with Commissioner Robinson dissenting.

PUBLIC HEARING 2021-2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Administrative Assistant Wright verified that public notice was advertised in The Bradenton Herald on Sunday, May 8th, 2022. Finance Clerk Beghtel stated that this is the amendment that is done each year to adjust to final audit figures. He said this also includes amendments with the goal of paying off the Station 1 loan which is \$758,193.74. This increases our Revenue and Expenses both by \$898,693.74. Chairman Jennis opened the public hearing for public comments; there were none. Chairman Jennis closed the public hearing. Commissioner Bishop spoke on his support of this amendment because it frees up funds and draws down our reserves moving forward. Commissioner Bennett also spoke on his support on paying off the Station 1 loan. Commissioner Robinson voiced his opposition in paying off the loan. Roll call vote was taken to adopt the 2021-2022 Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Bishop – yes, Commissioner Robinson – no, Commissioner Bennett - yes, Chairman Jennis - yes. Motion passed 3-1 with Commissioner Robinson dissenting.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CARRIED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

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CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Rigney thanked Commissioner Robinson for donating the 9/11 Memorial Flag of Honor to the District. He thanked Commissioner Robinson and his wife for delivering it and for their help in hanging it on the EOC wall. Commissioner Robinson stated it was their pleasure.

OTHER REPORTS: Administrative Assistant Wright reminded the board that the annual financial disclosures are due by July 1st. Chief Rigney informed the Board that they can fill them out and give them to Administrative Assistant Wright to send out. Commissioner Bishop requested communication from Administrative Assistant Wright when it shows that the Florida Commission on Ethics has received these forms.

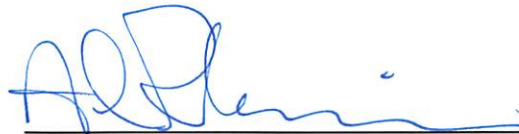
COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Bishop thanked Commissioner Robinson for donating the 9/11 Memorial Flag of Honor to the District. Commissioner Bennett informed the Board that he will be attending CDO classes in June. He also gave a quick update on the Performance Review RFP.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Administration building.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Jennis adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary

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