

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

*Minutes of September 11, 2018
Administration Building*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Larry Jennis, George Harris, Randy Cooper and David Bishop and Al Robinson. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence and the oath. Chairman Jennis announced that anyone wishing to provide public comment on any of the agenda items should fill out a Comment Card located at the table by the door and hand them in to the Chief.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARING 2018 Fire Assessment Certification Resolution #2018-06: Chairman Jennis opened the public hearing. Notice of publication of meeting was verified. There was no public comment. Chairman Jennis closed the public hearing. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve Resolution #2018-06 Fire Assessment Certification; seconded by Commissioner Cooper; roll call was taken. Commissioner Cooper-yes; Commission Harris-yes; Commissioner Robinson-yes; Commissioner Bishop-yes; Chairman Jennis-yes; motion passed unanimously.

2018-2019 Budget Adoption Resolution #2018-07: Chairman Jennis opened the public hearing. Notice of publication of meeting was verified. There was no public comment. Chairman Jennis closed the public hearing. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve Resolution #2018-07 for the 2018-2019 Budget; seconded by Commissioner Harris; roll call was taken. Commissioner Cooper-yes; Commissioner Harris-yes; Commissioner Robinson-yes; Commissioner Bishop-yes; Chairman Jennis-yes; motion passed unanimously.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: Add New Business 11b – AFG Award Approval

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CARRIED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. *Administration Building Update:* Chief Sousa reported that Oasis has secured financing by two banks and deciding which one they will go with. Closing should be by December 4th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. *Bank Resolution:* Chief Sousa stated that to add someone on the Hancock Whitney accounts it must be done by resolution. Would like to add Administrative Battalion Ben Rigney as an authorized signer. Commissioner Harris motioned to approve Chief Rigney as an authorized account signer on the Hancock Whitney accounts; seconded by Commissioner Bishop; motion passed unanimously.
- B. *AFG Award Approval:* Battalion Chief Rigney reported that we were notified that we were approved for the grant in the amount of \$116,637 for the purchase of 16 air packs. This was our second attempt for this grant. It is a 90/10 match and has to be accepted by the Board. Commissioner Harris motioned to accept the federal grant; seconded by Commissioner Cooper; motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Sousa that after last month's meeting we have been looking at some health insurance pools and researching more. We should hopefully have something to bring back for October's meeting. Chief Sousa also reported that he has been approached by Hancock Bank who currently has the balance of our funds. They would like to present some options to us. Commissioner Bishop stated it diversifying makes sense. Commissioner Cooper stated he would be fine with being a liaison from the Board.

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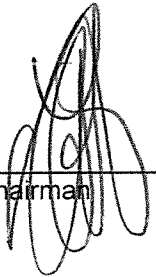
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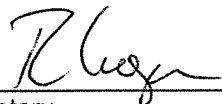
It was also reported that the November 20th Board meeting is the week of Thanksgiving. Chief Sousa inquired if the Board would like to change meeting date. It was agreed to change to November 13th. Commissioner Harris motioned to change November 20th meeting to November 13th; seconded by Commissioner Bishop; motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Bishop stated it was noteworthy to reflect on the day as it is 9/11. Commissioner Robinson stated that he felt the budget workshops were well prepared and he appreciated all the work for administration. Commissioner Cooper stated he attended the 9/11 memorial today and the speakers were very good. Commissioner Harris stated that he attended as well and it was done well.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Jennis adjourned the meeting at 6:21 pm



Chairman

Secretary

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