

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

*Minutes of August 16, 2022
Administration Building and via Zoom*

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. with the following members present: Larry Jennis, Robert Bennett, David Bishop, George Harris, and Al Robinson. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence and the oath.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 1ST READING OF THE 2022-2023 BUDGET: Administrative Assistant Wright verified that public notice was advertised in The Bradenton Herald on August 7th, 2022 and read Resolution #2022-07. Chief Rigney presented the 2022-2023 Budget Packet stating not much has changed since the Budget Workshop in April. Chief Rigney stated that typically at this time of year, and with us currently still being within the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the budget is fairly accurate aside from health insurance and work comp numbers. He then explained that we negotiated with our health insurance providers to have our plan year begin in October for the foreseeable future. Because of this, our health insurance projections are and will continue to be precise and provided before the budget is approved each year. Chief Rigney then read the District's goals from the Budget Packet and gave insight into each one. Chief Rigney then briefly spoke on the operating budget stating there is no longer a sinking fund because the District is debt free. Chairman Jennis opened the Public Hearing for public comment. There were none. Commissioner Harris motioned to close the public hearing; seconded by Commissioner Bennett; motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Bennett thanked the staff for their hard work on the budget. Chief Rigney stated it was a group effort. No further discussion. Commissioner Bennett motioned to adopt the first reading of the 2022-2023 Budget; seconded by Commissioner Harris; motion passed unanimously. Chairman Jennis adjourned the Public Hearing.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CARRIED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution #2022-08 FY 2021/22 – 2025/26 Five Year Plan: Chief Rigney explained that this is a report required by the legislature every five years. He stated that the report holds a brief outline on our staffing and what is to come in the next five years as well as detailed descriptions of our buildings and apparatus. Commissioner Bishop gave kudos on a nice and concise report and true summary of the District. No further discussion. Commissioner Bennett motioned to adopt the 2021/22 -2025/26 Five Year Plan; seconded by Commissioner Harris; motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Rigney reminded the Board that the meeting is a week early next month. He also stated he will be attending training at the National Fire Academy the week of the meeting so he will be in attendance via Zoom. Deputy Chief Johnson will lead the meeting.

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OTHER REPORTS: None

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Bishop gave thanks again to the staff for their hard work on the budget. No further comments.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, **September 13, 2022**, at 6:00 pm at Administration building. Tax Appeals Hearing, Budget Amendment, Budget Adoption and Regular Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Jennis adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary

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