

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

*Minutes of February 18, 2020
Administration Building*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Randy Cooper, David Bishop, George Harris, Larry Jennis, and Al Robinson. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence and the oath. Chairman Cooper 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:

- Introduction of Administrative Assistant Andrea Berggren and Oath of Office administered.
- Promotion from Lt. to Captain Chad Brunner
- Promotion from Lt. to Captain Tyler MacDonald
- Chief's Coin awarded to Lt. Stump, FF/Medic Balzer and FF/Medic Agresta

Meeting break at 6:10 and reconvened at 6:16 p.m.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Received a website submission from Mr. Stearn stating our crew was first on scene when his wife passed out. He stated that the crews preliminary care and scene management were among the best that he has ever seen. Unit pride and professionalism was quite evident. The crew was FF Gaskill, FF Bill and FF/Medic Lease.

CARRIED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. *New Administration Building:* Chairman Cooper stated the he and Chief Rigney looked into the property that came up last month. He believes it is best not to pursue it. The property is over by Blake Hospital in a medical area. It is a nice piece of property but does not fit our needs. It is best to take off the agenda. Commissioner Harris thanked the Chair and Chief for looking at it and would like to keep all options open on the table. Commissioner Robinson asked Commissioner Bishop about the Marine Rescue Building on Coquina that Commissioner Bishop's firm designed. Commissioner Robinson inquired about wind rating. Commissioner Bishop stated it is a post event location. There was further discussion concerning wind ratings. Commissioner Robinson stated that the building by Blake could save the District \$200 - \$300,000. We have a fiduciary responsibility to the community. We aren't studying these things hard enough. Commissioner Bishop stated he wants to be clear on a couple of things. We could argue and debate renovation vs new construction. We can argue and debate location. What I am hearing is we are being capricious and not fundamentally sound with money of the District. Commissioner Bishop stated he takes exception to that and that he takes this job serious. We have put the good dollars of the people in this District to good use and a good facility that will serve this District.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. *Annual Report:* B.C. Johnson went over the Annual Report and this will also be posted on the website.

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- B. *Contract for Construction Manager at Risk with Creative Contractors, Inc.:* Chief Rigney stated that there was a two-page summary attached to contract. The contract has been sent to our legal for review and there were just a few recommendations that were included. This is a standard contract. The main items are that this is a preconstruction phase not to exceed \$7,000 and have backup material. The Construction Manager's Fee is 5.5% based on the actual cost of the work. A Performance Payment Bond at .81%. General Liability Insurance at .28%. Builder's Risk Insurance they can quote but usually owner obtains. Chief Rigney recommends approving Contract for Construction Manager at Risk with Creative Contractors Inc. as presented. Commissioner Bishop motioned to approve Contract as presented; seconded by Commissioner Jennis; discussion. Commissioner Jennis stated the terms are good. Chairman Cooper stated it's a boiler plate contract. Commissioner Bishop stated we are agreeing to pay pre-construction costs. Discussion ended. Motion passed 4-1 with Commission Robinson opposing.
- C. *March Meeting Date:* Chairman Cooper has a conflict with the March 17th date as he is a poll worker. Would like to see about moving the date. After discussion with members, it was agreed to move the date to Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Administrative Manger Kichar will advertise for the date change.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Rigney reported that the Station 3 remodel has begun. Two more of our Paramedics have obtained Charge status. Station 2 became an ALS unit and is up and running as of February 17th, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Harris asked how many Paramedics do we have now. Chief Rigney stated we have 11 on shift. We currently have 2 more ready to take the National Registry Test.

OTHER REPORTS: None

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Harris stated that with the ALS program up and running that these are very exciting times. All of us should be congratulated on our forward thinking and very proud of our District. Commissioner Jennis stated he agrees with Commissioner Harris and thanked our employees for their effort and commitment to go through all the training. Commissioner Bishop stated that our Firefighter's are going above and beyond and he is very proud of being part of this District.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Administration building.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Cooper adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

(Seal)



Chairman



Secretary