

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

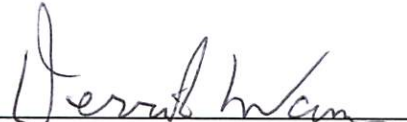
*Minutes of September 25, 2024
Administration Building*

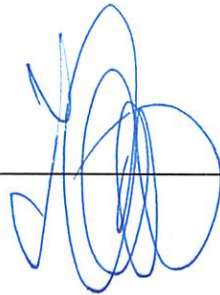
The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. with the following members present: Larry Jennis, Robert Bennett, David Bishop, William Burke, and Derrick Warner. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence and message to first responders, families, and residents of the District to stay safe in preparation and response to Tropical Storm Helene.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS – “STATE OF EMERGENCY” DECLARATION TROPICAL STORM HELENE:

Administrative Assistant Wright read the resolution summary: A resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the West Manatee Fire & Rescue District of Manatee County, Florida, declaring a state of emergency, authorizing emergency powers to the Fire Chief, and providing for an effective date. Chief Rigney stated a Resolution needs to be completed to declare a State of Emergency for Tropical Storm Helene. The State and County have already declared. A declaration needs to be in place in order to seek FEMA reimbursement. Chief Rigney spoke on the District's response plans as well as the relocation of other agencies and their assets. Chairman Warner opened for public comments, there were none. Commissioner Jennis motioned to adopt Resolution 2024-10 State of Emergency Declaration. Motion seconded by Commissioner Burke. Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Warner adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.


Chairman


Secretary



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