

SANIBEL FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT
Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting
March 9, 2022

Commissioners –Chairman Jerry Muench, Vice Chair Bruce Cochrane, Secretary Richard McCurry
Fire Chief Bill Briscoe
Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Barbot
Division Chief Tim Barrett
Fire Marshal Larry Williams
Administrator Samantha Quinn

In attendance were the following: Captain DiMaria, the Breeze Newspaper, and general public.

Commissioner Muench opened the meeting at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Muench led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1st Order of Business: The minutes for the February 9, 2022, commission meeting were reviewed and accepted by the Board Members. A motion was made by Commissioner Cochrane to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was second by Commissioner McCurry. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2nd Order of Business: Administrator Quinn presented the board with the account balances as of February 28, 2022, and a Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual October 2021 through February 2022.

3rd Order of Business: Administrator Quinn reviewed four reserve accounts with 3 separate interest accounts associated with each one. A spreadsheet was created to help breakdown each of the four accounts. Two of the CD would be auto renewing for an additional year in March 2022. Administrator Quinn asked if we could move forward with having one reserve account for Operating, Fire Apparatus, Emergency, and BOCC Lease Agreement. The board discussed the options and all unanimously agreed to not renew all the CDs in 2022. Funds would be moved to the Money Market accounts until further information was discovered about the Florida Prime accounts and rates.

4th Order of Business: Administrator Quinn stated, we have one account that was closed but is still listed on the balance sheet. I will be moving forward with removing this with your permission. The commissioners all agreed this was appropriate and the account could be removed from the balance sheet.

5th Order of Business: Division Chief of Training Barrett reviewed the on-going training throughout the month of February. The District may help with brush fires inland, heading East. The Medical Director will be on site for monthly training this March 16, 2022.

6th Order of Business: Administrator Quinn went over the social media and website interactions:

Website visits January: 12,550
Facebook post reach: 1,454
Post Engagement: 482
New followers: 153
Total followers: 2,717

7th Order of Business: Fire Marshal Williams continues annual inspections. He is reviewing plans for the Bailey's motel extension. Sundial Beach Resorts is doing a remodel, so the annual award ceremony might be held in a different room. There was a fire on Sunday, two houses were having Tesla Solar Roofs installed. Kelly Roofing was the contractor and has a dedicated tesla team. The cause of the fire was from the reflective metal, the sun hit it and the reflective heat on the cardboard caused it to catch fire. The Fire Marshal will be meeting with Tesla on how a firefighter can cut through there roof.

8th Order of Business: Deputy Chief Barbot reviewed the calls. February 2021, we responded to 147 calls and February 2022 we responded to 161 calls. The security system is completely installed. We are having our weekly meetings with

Lexipol on the Employee Policy Manual. Deputy Chief Barbot is looking into fiber on the island because it would offer reliable internet. We have a quote for install and construction, the current issue is the cost will increase by 70%.

9th Order of Business: Fire Chief Briscoe stated, SiteMed will be coming in April for Phase 1 of our Annual Physicals. Firefighter/Paramedic Doerr is retiring on March 26, 2022, and his retirement ceremony will be held April 9, 2022, at 5 pm at the Community House.

10th Order of Business: Chief Briscoe discussed yesterday a call the District responded to. The helicopter was called by Lee County EMS. While the helicopter was inbound and then decided not to use our station as a landing zone. The pilot didn't fly over but chose the Causeway instead. Our resources were not prepared for that due to the last-minute decision. Lee County EMS decided to ground transport the patient. Chief Briscoe said, the issue was pushed up the chain and I will be writing a letter. Chief Briscoe said, in January they were to come out to meet and review the landing zone. Currently the dates have changed, and we now have a date set for April.

11th Order of Business: Chief Briscoe stated the District had no years of service.

12th Order of Business: No Union Items to discuss.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM

Commissioner Jerry Muench

Commissioner Bruce Cochrane

Commissioner Richard McCurry