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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Friday, December 20 2024
10:00 a.m.
Location: Fire Station

COMMISSIONERS & STAFF PRESENT: Duncan Rosen, Van Hammond, MJ Yafchak, Steve Holt, Chief Jesse Cottrell, Crystal McClary
Via Zoom: Bill Fry

ISLANDERS/GUESTS PRESENT:

Room: None
Zoom: None

MINUTES:

Due to technical difficulties, the December 20 meeting was not recorded.

- 1) **Call to Order:** Commissioner Rosen
Meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Commissioner Rosen
- 2) **Review of Unapproved Minutes – Commissioner Hammond**
Following minutes were approved by the board
September 20, 2024, Shade Meeting (4-0-1)*
September 21, 2024, Second Budget Hearing (4-0-1)*
September 21, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes (4-0-1)*
September 28, 2024, Emergency Meeting Minutes (3-0-2)**
November 15, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes (5-0)

* Steve Holt abstained as he was not a member of the board during this meeting

** Steve Hold and Bill Fry abstained as they were not at this emergency meeting

3) New Business

None

4) Recurring Business Updates

- A. **Update status of litigation against District** – Commissioner Rosen
No update regarding the litigation—this will be a topic during the shade meeting held later today (December 20, 2024)
- B. **Chief’s Report** – Chief Cottrell
Jessy presented his report (available on district website). Suffices to say there are a lot of moving parts (insurance across 3 hurricanes, FEMA/County Emergency Services coordination and equipment replacement & maintenance).
- C. **Treasurer’s Report** – Commissioner Fry
Treasurer’s Report (available on the districts website) was approved by the board with a 5-0 vote.
- D. **Accessway Maintenance** – Commissioner Hammond
Previous commitment by the Lee County Emergency Services team to provide 500 bags of road materials has been pulled back and will not be fulfilled. UCCA is fund raising for purchase of materials, but it is estimated that this community effort will fall short of our longer term needs to repair the roads (correctly) after the damage they received during hurricanes Helene and Milton.
Other sources of funds must be found (investigating county MSTU program) and coordinated outside of the UCFRD Board. Stay tuned...
- E. **Fun Run update** - Commissioner Yafchak
Fun Run organizers are targeting first 2 weeks in April (Spring break/Easter) timeframe for the re-scheduled Fun Run.
- F. **Chief performance review** – Yafchak
MJ is pulling together the detailed survey.

5) Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

None

6) Next REGULAR Monthly Meeting Date: January 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

7)) Adjourn Meeting was adjourned at 11:08AM