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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Friday, December 19, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Location: Fire Station

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

ISLANDERS/GUESTS PRESENT:

Room: Jeff Rawlings

MINUTES:

1) Call to Order: Commissioner Rosen
Meeting called to order at 10:01 AM

2) Additions/Changes/Deletions to Agenda
Addedd 5A New Business: Setting date for 2026 Fun Run.

3). Public Comment on Agenda Items
None

4) Review of Unapproved Minutes
October 17, 2025 Regular Boad Meeting Minutes: Approved via 5-0 Vote

5) New Business
Date for Fun Run was set for Friday April 3rd. This date is a popular rental period due to spring break and being Easter weekend. Discussion about the use of the proceeds from the Fun Run (estimated at \$25K). Idea to target proceeds to help fund Road Tractor replacement discussed. Bill reminded everyone that the \$25K funds are assumed revenue for the department's budget—thus while it would be good usage of the Fun Run proceeds, it ultimately comes off the Departmental Reserves.

6) Recurring Business Updates
A. Chief's Report – Chief Cottrell

Chief's Report is available on the district website.

B. Treasurer's Report – Commissioner Fry

Treasurer's Report accepted by Board by 5-0 vote.

C. Accessway Maintenance – Commissioner Hammond

During Chief Report and Accessway Maintenance it was noted that the Department tractor used for regular maintenance by Jeff is failing due to damage incurred by past 3 hurricanes. Hydraulics which control the box blade have failed and need to be completely replaced. The wheel hubs are rusted and failing.

Mechanics consulted indicate cost of repairs and likelihood of continuing problems as a result of the saltwater bath(s) is 100%.

Board Consensus is that the tractor needs to be replaced, question remains on New vs. Used, and how to pay for it.

Board agreed to discuss in detail at next month's meeting (January 16), however fund-raising efforts should begin asap.

7) Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

8) Next Monthly Meeting Date: January 16, 2025.

9) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:36