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Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

Friday, February 20, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Location: Fire Station

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

ISLANDERS/GUESTS PRESENT: ** Partial list

Room:

Ron Morgan

Kevin Downs

Greg Fodor

Michael Filipczak

Andrew Anderson

Emmet McDowell

Laura Hartle

Daniel Hrycyk

Linda Mcpherson

Peggy Flyte

Jon Flyte

Sheriff Rich Zectman

Nicole Rossi

Rich Gross

** Note: If you attended this meeting and would like to have your name recorded here, please send an email to van.hammond@uppercaptivafire.org and your name will be added to this list.

MEETING MINUTES:

- 1) Call to Order:** Commissioner Rosen
Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM

2) Additions/Changes/Deletions to Agenda

None

3) Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

4) Review of Unapproved Minutes

January 16, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Minutes approved by a 5-0 Vote

5) New Business

A. Lee County MSTU Process for Road Maintenance – Josh Malo (Operations Manager, Fiscal and MSTBU)

Josh provided an overview of the program and answered questions. Key take away is this program, while increasing funds through special property taxes, is controlled & managed by the county staff. Typical uses for this program is major one-time projects, not regular maintenance/repairs.

B. January 13 After Action Report – Chief Jesse

- a. Chief Jesse presented the after-action report for the Cutlass fire and re-ignite event on Jan 13th 2026. Report is available on the district website.
- b. Significant public questions and comments can be viewed on the meeting recording.
- c. Board agreed to continue focusing on island safety measures and have added a recurring business item to discuss at EVERY monthly board meeting.
- d. Documents being created with community best practices.
- e. Better community support during events that HELP the fire fighters. Things like crowd control, transport of strike teams from bulkhead to the fire, notifications to surrounding homes affected...

C. RESOLUTION No. 2026-02: ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENT #26-1: Fry The resolution was tabled until a decision can be made for the purchase of a Chief's quarters.

D. Chief short-term disability pay agreement: Fry/Jesse Discussion differed until March meeting.

E. Fun Run Update – Yafchak

- a. Commissioner Yachack provided an update on preparations for Fun Run to be held on April 3rd. Donations are slow to arrive but should pick up as we approach the event date.

F. Road Maintenance Tractor purchase: Hammond/Jesse

6) Recurring Business Updates

A. Chief's Report – Chief Cottrell Report available on website

- B. Treasurer's Report – Commissioner Fry
Report available on website
Board accepted report by a 5-0 vote
- C. Accessway Maintenance – Commissioner Hammond

7) Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

8) Next Monthly Meeting Date: March 20, 2025.

9) Adjourn 1:45pm