

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Fire Commissioners
Cedar Hammock Fire Control District**

June 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Findlay called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Findlay at 6:00 p.m. The following commissioners were present: Marnie E. Matarese and Samuel A. Reasoner.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Stan Pavkovich led the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

QUORUM

Vice Chair Findlay confirmed a physically present quorum for the meeting. The meeting was properly advertised. Chairman Getman and Commissioner Stevens were absent with good cause.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairman Findlay asked if there was any discussion of the minutes from May 16, 2024. There was no discussion.

ACTION: Commissioner Reasoner moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Matarese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Chief Bradshaw recognized FF Stiscak for his promotion to FF Second Class and he recognized FF Nepomuceno for his promotion to FF First Class.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING

Vice Chair Findlay recessed regular meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING / RESOLUTION 2024-03 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF
FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CEDAR HAMMOCK FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO IMPOSE NON-AD VALOREM
ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

Vice Chair Findlay resumed meeting.

Fire Chief Bradshaw presented resolution 2024-03 into record. WHEREAS, the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District ("District") is a special purpose fire district authorized under the provisions of Chapter 189 and 191, Florida Statutes (Fla. Stat.),

WHEREAS to levy special non-ad valorem assessments for fire and rescue services and establish a schedule of maximum special assessments above which non-ad valorem fire assessments for the District may not exceed;

WHEREAS and the District is authorized to utilize a uniform method of collecting its authorized non-ad valorem fire assessments, and the District has elected to utilize the uniform method; and

WHEREAS held a properly advertised public hearing on June 20, 2024,

WHEREAS District previously adopted Resolution 2014-04 and determined the average annual growth rate in Florida personal income over the previous five years should be determined by using growth rate data provided by the United States Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis ("BEA"); and

WHEREAS the use of the BEA is also utilized by the majority of the other independent fire districts within Manatee County; and

WHEREAS, at the June 20, 2024, public hearing, District Staff presented evidence and testimony to the Board of Fire Commissioners that the BEA data indicated that the average annual growth rate in Florida personal income over the previous five (5) years is 7.48%; and

WHEREAS District Staff applied the 7.48% personal income growth rate to the previous year's special assessment rates to develop the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 assessment rate schedule, attached as "Exhibit 1" to this Resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Cedar Hammock Fire Control District that the following rates for non-ad valorem fire assessment charges within Cedar Hammock Fire Control District for the 2024-2025 tax year be as follows: the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are hereby adopted fully by reference, The 2024-2025 Non-Ad Valorem Fire Assessment Rate Schedule and Reallocation Proposal attached as "Exhibit 1" to this Resolution is hereby approved and adopted fully by reference, subject to the public hearing scheduled for June 20, 2024.

Vice Chair Findlay opened the public hearing for resolution 2024-03. Vice Chair Findlay opened the meeting for public comments, there were no public comments.

ACTION: Commissioner Reasoner moved to accept proposed resolution 2024-03, Commissioner Matarese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (3-0). Vice Chair Findlay closed the public hearing and resumed the regular meeting then closed the regular meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING / RESOLUTION 2024-04 A RESOLUTION OF THE CEDAR HAMMOCK FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING A SCHEDULE FOR UNIFORM SERVICE FEES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Chief Bradshaw presented resolution 2024-04 into record. WHEREAS, the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District ("District"), pursuant to the provisions of Section 191.006(11), Florida Statutes (F.S.), has authority to charge user fees authorized by resolution of its Board of Fire Commissioners ("Board"), in amounts necessary to conduct district activities and services, and to enforce their receipt and collection in the manner prescribed by resolution and authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 191.009(3)(a), F.S., the Board may provide a reasonable schedule of charges and may charge a fee for the services rendered in accordance with the schedule; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District held a properly advertised meeting on June 20, 2024, in accordance with Section 189.015,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The attached Manatee County Fire Chiefs' Association Uniform Service Fee Schedule Collected by the District is hereby adopted shall take effect on October 1, 2024, upon its adoption.

Vice Chair Findlay opened the public hearing for resolution 2024-04. Vice Chair Findlay opened the meeting for public comments, there were no public comments.

ACTION: Commissioner Reasoner moved to accept proposed resolution 2024-04, Commissioner Matarese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (3-0). Vice Chair Findlay closed the public hearing and resumed the regular meeting then closed the regular meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING / RESOLUTION 2024-05 A RESOLUTION OF THE CEDAR HAMMOCK FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING A SCHEDULE FOR UNIFORM SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE TO BE COLLECTED ON THE DISTRICT'S BEHALF BY MANATEE COUNTY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Fire Chief Bradshaw presented resolution 2024-05 into record. WHEREAS, the Cedar Hammock Fire Control District ("District"), pursuant to the provisions of Section 191.006(11), Florida Statutes (F.S.), has authority to charge user fees authorized by resolution of its Board of Fire Commissioners ("Board"), in amounts necessary to conduct district activities and services, and to enforce their receipt and collection in the manner prescribed by resolution and authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 191.009(3)(a), F.S., the Board may provide a reasonable schedule of charges, and may charge a fee for the services rendered in accordance with the schedule; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District held a properly advertised meeting on June 20, 2024 in accordance with Section 189.015,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The attached Manatee County Fire Chiefs' Association Uniform Service Fee Schedule Collected by Manatee County is hereby adopted and shall take effect October 1, 2024.

Vice Chair Findlay opened the public hearing for resolution 2024-05. Vice Chair Findlay opened the public hearing for public comments, there were no public comments.

ACTION: Commissioner Reasoner moved to accept proposed resolution 2024-05, Commissioner Matarese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (3-0). Vice Chair Findlay closed the public hearing and resumed the regular meeting then closed the regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Chief Bradshaw put forth a 2024-2025 Budget Draft 2. General discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Bradshaw mentions June birthdays, Fire Prevention updates, Training updates, and Operations updates.

General discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Matarese discussed Whitfield newsletter information regarding district.
Commissioner Reasoner discussed attendance and information gained at FASD conference.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Motion to cancel July meeting.
Next meeting August 15, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Commissioner Matarese moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Reasoner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED 07/02/2024