**Fire Commission Meeting**

**Immokalee Fire Control District**

**Board Meeting**

April 9, 2015

These Minutes are a summary of the meeting. Any further information can be obtained by the tape. The minutes will follow the order of the Agenda.

Present Commissioners: Anderson, Goodnight, Keen and Olesky; Chief Paul Anderson, Leo Rodgers, Alma R. Valladares, Josh Bauer, Tom Cunningham and Members of the Public.

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:58pm by Commission Chair Goodnight

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by Commissioner Goodnight

1. **Moment of Silence**

Lead by Commissioner Goodnight

1. **Proof of Publication**

Copy of publication confirmation included in Commission packet

1. **Establish a Quorum**

Quorum established by Commissioner Goodnight

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Olesky motioned to approve the Agenda and Seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Motion carries unanimously.

1. Business of the District
2. **New Business**
3. **County RFP for provision of fire and rescue services to dependent district and MSTU areas**

Chief Anderson discussed the new numbers and changes to the budgets as well as additional information that he had received from both the county and Ochopee to the board. Comments were made by the board, Tom Cunningham, President of the Union, and members of the community in attendance. Chief Anderson explained that the proposal included approximately $135,000 coming back to Immokalee. President Cunningham indicated that if the Immokalee personnel were not provided pay raises to bring them in line with the Ochopee personnel that it would cause problems. Chief Anderson indicated that he had completed calculations and that it would take a total of $179,000 in pay raises to accomplish that, which adds up to a total cost of $283,000 with all of the associated benefits that will also increase when the pay increases. If the Board chose to utilize the entire $135,000 revenue from the proposal that would still leave almost $150,000 unfunded that Immokalee would need to come up with out of our budget or reserves.

Members of the Board discussed the possibility of the board losing representation from Immokalee if Ochopee residents are elected to the Board seats, changing the name of the fire department, Ave Maria would argue the Ad Valorem taxes, and other items. The general consensus of the Board and members of the community in attendance was that the benefit to Immokalee is not that great and entering into this is not a good idea at this time.

Commissioner Olesky makes a motion not to submit the proposal and Seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Motion carries unanimously.

* 1. **Public comment**

None

1. **Concerns of Commissioners**

None

1. **Public Comment**

None

1. **Adjourn Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

**Next Scheduled Meeting(s):**

**Special Board Meeting for selection of a Commissioner to fill vacant seat on Commission: April 16, 2015, 5:30 p.m.; Ave Maria Stewardship Development District, Ave Maria Master Association Office, 5076 Annunciation Circle, Suite 103, Ave Maria, FL 34142**

**Next Regular Board Meeting: April 16, 2015, 6 p.m.; Ave Maria Stewardship Development District, Ave Maria Master Association Office, 5076 Annunciation Circle, Suite 103, Ave Maria, FL 34142**