**Fire Commission Meeting**

**Immokalee Fire Control District**

**Board Meeting**

January 8, 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, Heath, Keen; Chief Paul Anderson, Board Attorney Kenneth Thompson, Leo Rodgers, Paul Devan, Alma R. Valladares and Members of the Public. Commissioner Olesky arrived at 6:10pm

1. Call Meeting to Order at 6:08pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Anderson
3. Moment of Silence led by Commissioner Anderson
4. Proof of Publication led by Commissioner Anderson
5. Establish a Quorum led by Commissioner Anderson
6. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Goodnight apologizes and is asking to postpone Chief’s evaluation until she has had more time since she has only been here for 2 meetings to review him. Commissioner Keen also asked for more time and Commissioner Heath agreed. Commissioner Anderson mentioned that he has turned his in to the Chief and mentioned that it’s their responsibility to do the evaluation. Also, mentioned that they can postpone it to next meeting. Commissioner Goodnight mentioned that on number (9) (F) 5. There is a typo, change it. **Commissioner Goodnight approved the Agenda and Seconded by Commissioner Keen. Motion carries unanimously.**
7. Approval of the minutes of the following meetings:
   * 1. December 18, 2014 Regular Board Meeting- Commissioner Goodnight mentioned that on number 9 there is a typo, change it. **Commissioner Olesky approved the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Motion carries unanimously.**
8. Treasurer’s Report **was approved by Commissioner Goodnight and seconded by Commissioner Olesky. Motion carries unanimously.**
9. Consent Agenda Commissioner Keen mentioned if Seminole Casino had paid us yet for this year. Chief Anderson mentioned that we should be getting a payment in January. **Consent Agenda was motioned for approval by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Goodnight. Motion carries unanimously.**
   * 1. Fire Marshal’s Report
     2. Chief’s Report
     3. Revision to “Mission Statement” page of District Policy (add Commissioner Goodnight)
     4. Remove Policy 707 (Officer Out Sick) from District Policy Manual (covered in staffing SOG)
     5. Revision to pages 11 and 15 of the IFCD BOC Guidelines
     6. Status on Current Contracts
        1. Greater Naples Fire District, Mechanic MOU, expires September 30, 2015
        2. Mabry Brothers, Generator Maintenance, expires September 30, 2015
        3. Grounds Force PM, Lawn Maintenance, expires September 30, 2015
        4. Accent Business Products, copy machine, expires September 30, 2015
        5. Seminole Tribe of Florida, Immokalee Reservation Fire Protection, expires September 30, 2016
10. Union Report-No Comment
11. Business of the District
12. **Old Business**
13. Status of Fire Code Official’s Office- Attorney Thompson mentioned to bring back to the board in February. Chief Anderson mentioned that he has a meeting with the other Chiefs at the Fire Code Official’s Office in January 20th. They are talking about selling 5 vehicles. We may have the use for one for office errands, meetings or trainings but have to let a mechanic look at them. He will contact Chief Shultz about that.
    1. Public comment- None
14. Status of County-Wide Fire and EMS Consolidation Movement- Chief Anderson mentioned that he passed out a letter from Marco Island’s Fire Chief expressing his concerns and recommendations if there were to be an At Hawk Committee and plans to write a letter from Immokalee expressing the same thing so we can have a paper trail and record in writing. Commissioner Goodnight would like to have all commissioners sign the letter so that they can see that Chief Anderson isn’t speaking just as a Fire Chief but as a Fire Chief that is representing the Immokalee Fire Control District Commissioners and Community of Immokalee and Ave Maria. Chief Anderson mentioned that he will write the letter and have everyone come and sign it. Also, that Commissioner Page from Greater Naples has called for a meeting for January 15th at 9am to form a committee to look at county-wide consolidation and he plans to attend that meeting. Commissioner Anderson mentioned that he wants to give Commissioner Henning to address us as a whole. That he will be there and Commissioner Goodnight mentioned that she might not go. Commissioner Keen mentioned that she might go but is not sure. **Commissioner Goodnight motions to authorize Commissioner Anderson be the spokesperson for Immokalee Fire District and Commissioner Keen seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.**
    1. Public comment- None
15. Property for Fire Station 32- Attorney Thompson mentioned that he sent a letter to the owners of the citrus grove property but hasn’t gotten a response back. Chief Anderson mentioned that he’s called Barron Collier four times and sent 4 emails but they haven’t responded. He did meet with the Vice President of Legal Affairs of Ave Maria and they are supposed to meet in February and discuss the purchase of a piece of property.
    1. Public comment-None
16. **New Business**
    1. Election of Officers- **Commissioner Keen mentioned that Commissioner Anderson has done a good job but would like to appoint Commissioner Goodnight as Chairman and Commissioner Heath seconded the motion.**  Commissioner Olesky nominates our existing Chairman, Commissioner Anderson for Chairman and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Keen closes the vote. **Motion for Commissioner Goodnight as Chairman carries 3 to 2.** **Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Olesky oppose.** **Commissioner Goodnight appoints Commissioner Anderson as Vice-Chairman and Commissioner Keen seconded the motion.** Commissioner Anderson nominates Commissioner Keen as Vice-Chairman and no second motion**. Motion carries unanimously for Commissioner Anderson for Vice-Chairman.** **Commissioner Keen nominates Commissioner Olesky for Secretary/Treasurer and Commissioner Goodnight seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.**
       1. Public comment-None
    2. Revision to page 15 of the IFCD BOC Guidelines, elected officers- Chief Anderson mentioned that the revision will reflect as Anne Goodnight as Chairman, Travis Anderson as Vice-Chairman and Edward (Ski) Olesky as Secretary/Treasurer.
       1. Public comment- None

**Commissioner Keen motions to approve and Commissioner Goodnight seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.**

1. Fire Chief Salary and benefits adjustment- Attorney suggested to table to February meeting.
   1. Public comment-None
2. Purchase of vehicle for Training Captain- Chief Anderson mentioned that we have $29,000 we can use out of Impact Fees for the vehicle.
   1. Public comment-None

**Commissioner Goodnight motions to authorize not to exceed $29,000 for purchase of vehicle and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Heath opposes. Motion carries 4 to 1.**

1. Purchase of Fire-Rescue boat- Chief Anderson mentioned that he would like to purchase a portable pump to use off of any boat. The Equipment Committee suggests a mud boat or a zodiac (rubber boat). Four people can take it off and carry it if need be. We are scheduling regular boater training that they can train at the marina and use one of Ski’s boats. Commissioner Keen mentioned that last year when they went fishing at the creek, her granddaughter and her friend got lost and they had to have someone special go and find them. They thought they were going in a circle but they were going in deeper and deeper. She would think if we would need something specific for that; we would have something. **Commissioner Anderson motions to purchase boat for $35,000 out of Impact Fees and not to exceed $35,000.** Commissioner Olesky mentioned that if we needed a boat that we can use a boat or an airboat that he has out there if we needed. He mentioned not to worry about that. To have a boat sitting here and to use it one day out of the year, if you are lucky. Commissioner Heath mentioned that long ago they purchased a boat and it sat here for 7 years and never moved. Chief Anderson mentioned that is why he put it on the Agenda because he wants to hear from all the commissioners before we make a decision. Commissioner Goodnight mentioned that it would be a good idea to buy a pump and use it on a boat if we picked up one from Ski. She would be more concerned about getting the equipment that was needed to do that than actually having the boat. Chief Anderson mentioned that he would like all the firefighters to have pretty good training before they could get on an airboat.
   1. Public comment-Paul Devan, Training Coordinator Captain mentioned that they have a water

rescue team and boat committee and we are researching, looking at cost and options. He would like to hear all the information from the research from that committee that’s looking at boats or not, looking at costs, different options; Make sure the firefighters keep up with their training regardless what option they choose in the future. Commissioner Olesky mentioned that it is easy to operate an airboat. Paul Devan mentioned that he wants to see research from a training perspective. Commissioner Anderson mentioned that what if they get a call at midnight and how are they going to have access if Commissioner Olesky is out of town. Commissioner Olesky mentioned that the keys are in the boats. Since he has been here, there have been 5 drowning’s out there. Commissioner Anderson mentioned that these resources have to be on the lake. The

Sheriff’s office and fish/wildlife are not on the lake; they have to get there and not all the deputies are dive team members. Commissioner Keen asked if we could put it off until next meeting. Commissioner Anderson mentioned that he just doesn’t want the liability to fall back on us for not being prepared; when we have the largest body of water out here. Chief Anderson mentioned that his concern is other remote areas like Ave Maria or if someone goes fishing in the middle of a lake in an orange grove; we should be able to help them. Commissioner Heath mentioned that some of the reservoirs on the groves are so over grown that they have to go back to burn them back so many years to get rid of the vegetation because it gets so thick.

**Commissioner Goodnight motions to continue this item until the committee comes up with some definite recommendations and bring back some recommendations with a cost associate with it and discuss it at that time and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Keen mentioned if it would not be cost effective and if it’s not something we need to just sit up here is not a good thing. Motion carries unanimously.**

1. Reschedule March Regular Board Meeting to March 12th- Commissioner Keen mentioned that there needs to be a correction on Agenda items B. 4. It should be March instead of January.
   1. Public comment-None

**Commissioner Keen motions to reschedule March meeting and Commissioner Goodnight seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.**

1. Purchase approval for new upgraded MDT computers in trucks to work with upgraded CAD- Chief Anderson mentioned that he spoke with Attorney Thompson to purchase this out of Impact Fees but is questionable. The computers were provided by the Sheriff’s Office and because of the growth the need an updated CAD system. Attorney Thompson mentioned that he sees this as a replacement as oppose to an extension. Chief Anderson mentioned that we need to replace the computers and the cost is under $10,000. The other option is to take $10,000 from our reserves. So, that would mean we could use 10% out of Impact Fees Account which is $994.00 and the balance out of Operations Account.
   1. Public comment-None

**Commissioner Goodnight motions to purchase the computers and take the money out of reserves and subtract the money we can use out of the Impact Fees (994.00) and Commissioner Olesky seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.**

1. Concerns of Commissioners- Commissioner Goodnight mentioned that there is an error on (9) C it mentions the

Immokalee Fire Department is committed, it should say, “Immokalee Fire Control District” and make sure we are consistent with Immokalee Fire Control District instead of Immokalee Fire Department.

1. Public Comment-Chief Anderson mentioned that he did have something that was on his salary and benefits. His

insurance has increased $16.92 more. Commissioner Anderson mentioned to table the whole thing since it’s such a small amount.

14) Adjourn Meeting 7:30pm

**Next Scheduled Meeting(s):**

**Next Regular Board Meeting: February 19,** **2014, 6 p.m.; Fire Station 30, 502 New Market Rd., Immokalee**