**Fire Commission Meeting**

**Immokalee Fire Control District**

**Special Board Meeting**

April 16, 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; Chief Paul Anderson, Leo Rodgers, Alma R. Valladares, Attorney Ken Thompson, Jay Roth and Members of the Public. Commissioner Olesky was not present.

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:58pm 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**

Selection of replacement Commissioner is only item on agenda.

1. Business of the District
2. **New Business**
3. **Selection and swearing in Commissioner for vacant seat**

Chief Anderson mentioned that they have the applicant’s information. Commissioner Goodnight asks Robert Halman to go first. Robert Halman mentioned that he was interested in the position when it became available. He mentioned that he had applied once to the board before during election time and he wants to be a part of the community. With his experience in the Fire Department in Maryland, he thinks he can lend some credence to Immokalee on the things he does in the county and help out. Commissioner Keen mentioned she was excited that he was retiring but now you have another job. Is that going to be a conflict with being able to come to the meetings? Robert Halman mentioned that he didn’t think so. Commissioner Anderson mentioned what were his hours now. Robert Halman mentioned that they are 8am to 6pm.

Joseph Brister mentioned that he grew up in community, born and raised here and they’ve had a business here forever. He’s been active in the Immokalee community. He’s been here since the fire board started and putting a lot of effort into wanting to be a part of this in Immokalee. He would like to be an active member and see how he can help. Commissioner Keen mentioned if he is able to attend the meetings. Joseph Brister mentioned he would.

Commissioner Goodnight asks for a vote. Commissioner Keen makes a motion for Joseph Brister to be nominated for the Commissioner seat and seconded by Commissioner Goodnight for discussion. Commissioner Anderson mentioned that he doesn’t know either gentlemen personally on a friend level. All he can say is with Robert Halman’s experience with the fire department CERT Instructor. He is easy to work with and very personable. He doesn’t have that opportunity to work with Mr. Joseph Brister. Nothing personal against him. Both resumes are impressive. Doesn’t have anything negative to say towards either one. Commissioner Keen mentioned that she thinks they are both great gentlemen and would both do a great job. Commissioner Goodnight mentioned that both are very impressive and wouldn’t mind working with either one. Commissioner Goodnight asks for a vote**. Commissioner Keen motions for Joseph Brister to be nominated for the Commissioner seat. Commissioner Goodnight and Commissioner Anderson oppose. Motion fails 2 to 1.**

* 1. **Public comment**

None

**Commissioner Anderson makes a motion for Robert Halman to be nominated for the Commissioner seat and seconded by Commissioner Goodnight. Commissioner Keen opposes. Motion carries 2 to 1.**

1. **Concerns of Commissioners**

None

1. **Public Comment**

None

1. **Adjourn Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm

**Next Scheduled Meeting(s):**

**Next Regular Board Meeting: Immediately following this meeting**

**Next Future Regular Board Meeting: May 21,** **2014, 6 p.m.; Immokalee Fire District Station 30, 502 New Market Rd. E, Immokalee , FL 34142**