

Fire Commission Meeting  
Immokalee Fire Control District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 15, 2019

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

Present Commissions: Goodnight, Brister, Halman. Commissioners Keen and Olesky were absent. Chief Michael Choate, Deputy Chief Thomas Cunningham, Deputy Chief of Admin Greenberg, Alma Valladares and Members of the Union

- 1) Call meeting to order at 6:00 pm by Commissioner Goodnight
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Goodnight
- 3) Invocation or Moment of Silence led by Commissioner Goodnight
- 4) Greet Public and Read Public Comment Statement by Commissioner Goodnight
- 5) Proof of Publication by Anne Goodnight
- 6) Roll Call/Establish a Quorum by Alma Valladares
- 7) Approval of Agenda: Move, Remove and/or Add Agenda Items  
Chief Choate mentioned to remove Item 4 from New Business District Policies and bring back next month.  
**Commissioner Brister motioned to approve the Agenda and Commissioner Halman seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.**
- 8) Union Report  
Robert Rookard mentioned that there was nothing to report.
- 9) Business of the District
  - I. Consent Agenda  
Chief Financial Officer Bronsdon discussed with the board about the revenue.  
**Commissioner Brister motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Halman seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.**
  - II. Old Business
    1. Status of CDBG Grant Funds for A&E Station 30 Replacement  
Deputy Chief of Admin Greenberg discussed with the board that we are meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am and waiting for October 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Goodnight mentioned that they asked Senator Kathleen Passidomo for \$5 Million. Maybe some of us can go with Chief Choate in September, October or November to speak about helping us build Station 30.
    2. Station 32 Update-Contract between the District and GMA Architects Planners for services for the Construction of Station #32  
Deputy Chief of Admin Greenberg discussed with the board that the site developments are expected to be finished within a couple of weeks. Request for bid for construction to start in Sept or Oct. Moving forward and on schedule.
    3. Line of Credit with Florida Community Bank  
Chief Choate discussed with the board that we will pay the attorney fees and set the doormat. We will lock the interest rate and see something tangible next month.

### III. New Business

#### 1. Awards and Recognitions

None

6:23 The Board took a small Recess until Brian Cottrell arrived.

6:24 The Board resumed the meeting. Brian Cottrell arrived.

#### 2. Selection of Worker's Compensation Insurance Agent

Chief Choate he is perfectly satisfies with either insurance company. It's purely the pleasure of the board. He opened the floor for PRIA Brian Cottrell, Vice President, speak regarding workers' compensation insurance and what their insurance covers and asked if anyone had any questions. Richard Caligiuri, Vice President for Bouchard Insurance spoke about their company and asked if the board had any questions.

**Commissioner Halman motioned to approve to keep PRIA as the same workers' compensation insurance and Commissioner Brister seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.**

#### 8) District Manager Comments

Chief Choate mentioned that we only spent a total of \$9,201.65 to remodel the kitchen. Frank Rincon/Benson Center have been great in supplying us with a lot of things that we need. It's a non-profit organization helping certain companies like ours. In total, we believe that he has saved us over \$18,000 with everything they have given us. Chief Choate also mentioned that he and Deputy Chief Cunningham will be out of town looking at the apparatus from August 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>. Also, Commissioner Halman is kind enough to donate us a brand new chainsaw. Please thanks Commissioner Halman for that. Chief Choate announced the following meetings: Tentative Budget Hearing at September 9, 2019 at 5:30, Regular Board Meeting on September 19, 2019 at 6:00 and Final Budget Hearing on September 23, 2019 at 5:30 all at Station 30.

#### 9) Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Brister mentioned that some restaurants like Kountry Kitchen and some others and packing houses had sponsored for 4,000 backpacks for kids in our community this year. Deputy Chief of Administration Greenberg mentioned that she can ask Walmart, Target to see if there is any funding for reflectors for backpacks. She will look into it.

#### 10) General Public Comments: Limited to 3 Minutes per person

None

#### 11) Adjourned Meeting at 6:43pm

#### Next scheduled Meeting(s):

- Tentative Budget Hearing: September 9, 2019- 5:30pm, Station 30, New Market Rd. East, Immokalee, FL 34142
- Regular Board Meeting: September 19, 2019- 6pm, Station 30, New Market Rd. East, Immokalee, FL 34142
- Final Budget Hearing: September 23, 2019- 5:30pm, Station 30, New Market Rd. East, Immokalee, FL 34142