

BAYSHORE FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
February 11, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Mere

Invocation – Chairman Mere

(Office Manager receives permission to correct the date at the top of the Bank Balance report from last month; notes all other dates and numbers were correct.)

Commissioner Griffin – Present
Commissioner Ducrou – Present
Commissioner Hansen – Excused
Commissioner Cook – Present
Commissioner Mere – Present
Chief Doug Underwood – Present
Office Manager – Present
Attorney Ian Mann – Absent

Others Present: None

Public Input Agenda Items – None

Minutes – Review and acceptance of the January 14, 2024 Board Meeting minutes – Motion made by Commissioner Ducrou to accept the minutes. Commissioner Griffin seconded the motion. With no further discussion offered, vote is called and with all in favor, motion passed. Chairman Mere calls for Acceptance of January 2025 Financials.

Financial Reports – Review and Acceptance of the Financials for January 2025 - Motion made by Commissioner Cook to accept the financials. Commissioner Ducrou seconded the motion. Chairman Mere calls for any discussion. Hearing none, he calls for vote and with all in favor, motion passed. With no further discussion offered Chairman Mere calls for Fire Marshal Report.

Fire Marshal Report – Chief Underwood states we do not have a Fire Marshal Report, but we are pretty-much winding down with all of our annuals, just doing follow-ups. Chairman Mere calls for Administrative Report.

Administrative Report (attached) – Chief Underwood reads the Administrative Report into the record. Commissioner Ducrou asks if the County is going to be bringing the impact fees up or what date are they to discuss it? Chief states they gave us until February 28th to update any data. Once they receive all the data, they will go back and recalculate all the numbers and then resubmit them. He does not anticipate large changes to ours since we had the data correct, we just had to update with current pricing. Every department will be calculated individually. Increases will be made incrementally over 5 years. We hope to have that info in the next 3-4 months, but it will have to go back to the County Commissioners for final approval. Commissioner Mere states so we won't see that until next years' budget. Chief

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Underwood states that is correct. Commissioner Ducrou states the longer it takes them the more it hurts us. Chief agrees, but there were so many districts that had incomplete information and consequently had reductions. Chairman Mere asks if there are any other questions for the Administrative Report. Hearing None, He calls for Union Petitions.

Union Petitions – DVP Swindle states actually he has no petition, but yes, as he resigned as District 12 DVP yesterday as the new unit has been approved by PERC Commission approved so he will be running for the new DVP of the new District 28 and in early April will be nominations for the DVPs for both Districts. So, for now the principal office of 1826 represents both districts until elections are official. Chairman Mere calls for Old Business

Old Business – Air Compressor – Chief states he and the board Chairman went through cost analysis to repair the compressor and if not feasible, to look at the Bauer; however, shortly after that meeting, he got some other options with lower CFMs, which doesn't concern him so much as we don't run it that much. Elkin has offered to help us sell the old he feels we might get \$8,000 for it; he said to put it on facebook marketplace, and if he had any buyers for used compressors, he would send them our way. They would strip the electronics and go straight hot with the compressor, like on paintballs; they don't need the electronics for monitoring like that. The other option was Alkin, which their compressor is made in Turkey. The Arctic everything is made in Wisconsin, USA. Family owned and operated. As soon as you order it they build it and you'll have it in about 3 weeks. He directs them to the Arctic specs the one he is considering is the first one, at 9 CFM where the Alkin is 10.9 CFM. The Alkin has a 10hp motor where the Arctic has a 7.5hp motor. Both are cast iron heads, well put together, have good reviews. The Alkin we have lasted us 20 years. Commissioner Mere states that the reason they brought it back to the board is because the one we have is a 13.5 CFM and for the difference between 13 to 10 is going to add a little bit of time, but they don't babysit it now, and it's going to save us about \$8,000 to go to the smaller units, makes more sense. Chief Underwood adds that the Bauer is made in Germany and they didn't have anything to offer us that suited our purposes, short of \$23,000. Commissioner Mere states also both the units we are looking at are small enough we can install them ourselves and save almost \$2,000. The Alkin runs their electronics in a panel that's mounted on the wall, and the Arctic is basically all pre-assembled so you can pull the panel and bolt it to the outside is pretty-much all you have to do with that one, and you save almost \$2,000. He also advises the hp is not going to make that much difference because the CFM is the CFM, so it really comes down to if you want American made or made outside the US. Chief says there's a company outside of Orlando that is certified to work on the Alkin and carries parts; and the company we buy the Arctic from is Ten-8 and they have their own guys that are certified to work on the Arctic and work on air packs as well and they're in Bradenton. Commissioner Ducrou asks what our fill pressure is currently. Chief responds 6,000. Commissioner Ducrou states he's fine with whichever Chief wants, but he prefers American made. Commissioner Cook agrees. Chief states the Arctic was made barebones without all the electronics, as

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when something goes wrong with something, the entire thing is down; so there are a couple things he will want to add to the Arctic which will bring him to the same price. Those would be a high-temp sensor shut down and a low-oil sensor shut down; both come on the Alkin. Commissioner Ducrou states he's fine with but suggests if this is the option Chief is thinking to go with, he suggests Chief get any options he wants now, not to wait to add them, get it the way it needs to be. Chief states he would be happy with either one. He wasn't happy with the Alkin blast chamber, but the compressor has been fine; but he doesn't have a problem with either of these. He says if he buys the Alkin, Alkin will help him sell this one; but he can put this one on line and see if we get any bites on selling it that way. Commissioner Ducrou suggests if we don't get any bites, then we can ask Alkin if they'll sell it for a commission. No-one will give us a trade-in for it. Commissioner Ducrou asks Chief if this is the one he wants. Chief is good with either one. Commissioner Ducrou moves to order the Arctic with the 6,000 PSI with the options Chief desires, not to exceed \$18,000. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion with and additional simultaneous second by Commissioner Griffin. With all in favor, motion passed. Chief thanks the Board. Commissioner Ducrou thanks everyone for their efforts. Commissioner Mere states there was something else, he didn't know if he should bring it up now, but thought he might as well; he states Chief found out the company can put in an 8'X8' roll-up door in the conex. They agree to cover it now. Chief states he noted that was an option and after speaking with Captain Swindle and his shift, who are the ones primarily going to do the buildout, they thought they would subdivide the container into 2 areas; an insulated area with a rollup door and ramp for lawn service equipment and a second area with an access door for the insulated and air-conditioned storage for the gear, hose lines, welder, that stuff. Commissioner Cook asks how high are we planning on setting this. Chief responds 8" blocks or so. We had 8 or 9 inches back there with Irma. Captain Swindle states he's done a solar attic vent in them before and they work very well. Chief wants to get the tank off the brush truck and return the truck and get some things sorted out back there before delivery. They can have it here in a matter of days.

With no further Old business, Chairman Mere calls for New Business.

New Business – None. Chairman Mere calls for Chief Items

Chief Items – Chief states he does have one more item, he had a staff meeting this morning and there is a bit of a scheduling issue on the fair. There are a couple shifts Chief will probably need to cover on weekends since Captains have kids with activities that limit their availability. He is asking for a MOU to his contract to permit him to work not at his full overtime rate, but something more like \$50 or \$55hr. which is the Captain's average OT rate so we can have a qualified senior officer to take responsibility when no Captain is available. Commissioner Ducrou suggests he just go ahead and amend his contract to cover such situations. Chief would prefer to write an MOU for now until his contract is due. Commissioner Mere states he would say write an MOU that states for these type circumstances, special events only, as needed. Chief states he will only do it if an officer is

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needed and no one is available, as he doesn't wish to take opportunity from the guys. Chairman Mere calls for a motion. Commissioner Ducrou states he will do it as a Directive; any special event, you do a detail standing in for an officer at that average rate, when off-duty. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion, and with all in favor, motion passed. Chief Chairman Mere calls for Commissioner Items.

Commissioner Items – None. Hearing no Commissioner Items offered, Chairman Mere calls for Public Input.

Public Input – None – Chairman Mere calls for Motion to Adjourn.

Adjournment – Commissioner Cook moves to adjourn and motion is seconded by Commissioner Ducrou and with none opposed, meeting is adjourned 7:50 p.m.