

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
ALVA FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT
2660 STYLES ROAD, ALVA, FLORIDA 33920
DATE: APRIL 10, 2023

Call to Order

Chairman Crittenden convened the regular monthly meeting of the Alva Fire Control & Rescue Service District at 6:30 PM, April 10, 2023. There were sufficient Board members present to establish a quorum.

Commissioners in Attendance

Adam Crittenden
Henry Grant Fichter
Richard “Dick” Spence
Darren Watkins
Paul F. Meloy, Jr.

Also in Attendance

Brandon Kuhn, Chief
Sunny Sipes, Administrative Assistant
4 – District Firefighters
Union DVP - Jean Etcheverry
Chaplain Paul Cords

Pledge of Allegiance / Prayer / Moment of Silence

Prayer performed by District Pastor Paul Cords

Presentation of Awards & Acknowledgements

None

Approval of the March 13, 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fichter moved to approve the minutes of the, March 13, 2023, regular monthly meeting. Commissioner Spence seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Approval of the Financial Data from March 2023

Commissioner Watkins moved to approve the financial data from, March 2023. Commissioner Fichter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Public Input on Business

None

New Business

➤ **Chief’s Report**

Chief Kuhn reported the following:

- ✓ Stated during previous month: Total calls 43, EMS calls 27, fire calls 2 (1-brush / 1-structure).
- ✓ May 22 & 23 - Engineer testing is scheduled.
- ✓ B-121 is back in service, E-122 is back in service and E-121 is in the repair shop.
- ✓ The forcible entry training door tool has been ordered.
- ✓ The RIT System has arrived.
- ✓ Kuhn is working on getting the new command vehicle equipped.
- ✓ Kuhn welcomed newly hired Firefighter/EMT, Brady Christensen and made the Board aware that employee Hannah Anderson has resigned which creates an additional Firefighter/EMT opening.
- ✓ Reminded the Board that the annual Volunteer BBQ will be held, April 23, 2023 and that the meals will be priced at \$12.00. He also made the

Board aware that Administrative Specialist, Sunny Sipes, has contacted Missions Barbecue in regards to the donation of baked beans and coleslaw.

- ✓ Kuhn inquired with Commissioners on their progress with getting the pole barn trusses repaired and status of the base rock delivery?
 - ❖ Spence stated that he could contact Rabur at anytime in regards to the trusses. Kuhn confirmed.
 - ❖ Crittenden stated that he could contact the base rock supplier at anytime. Kuhn confirmed.
 - ❖ Watkins stated that he would like the base rock in place prior to contacting the concrete supplier as he may want to come out immediately upon contact. Kuhn confirmed.

Commissioner Watkins moved to accept Chief Kuhn's Chief Report. Commissioner Spence seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

- Chief Kuhn discussed with Board members the importance of getting the District's large tanker (T-121) back into full service.
 - ✓ Stated that brush season was back into "swing" and this tanker is the largest mobile water supply in the county.
 - ✓ Stated the need for this water supply due to the fact that the Board was not ready to purchase an additional or replacement tanker.
 - ✓ Supplied Board members with a financial breakdown as to the cost of wheels and tires as well as related mechanical expenses (copy attached hereto).

Commissioner Fichter moved to approve the purchase of wheels and tires as well as the related mechanical expense, of getting T-121 back into full service. Commissioner Spence seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

- Chief Kuhn discussed with the Board his thoughts of getting T-122 returned to service.
 - ✓ Stated that this was the smaller 2,000 gallon tanker, vehicle donated by the Division of Forestry, that was not in service and sitting under the pole barn.
 - ✓ Stated that it will need wheels, tires, a new pump, painting, breaks, lights and radios.
 - ✓ Estimated cost to be \$30,000.00 and he is seeking concept approval to begin to shop part pricing.
 - ✓ Commissioner Watkins inquired on the status of the motor?
 - ❖ Kuhn stated that it looks to be in good shape.
 - ✓ Commissioner's Meloy and Watkins suggested for Kuhn to contact the Division of Forestry and inquire if they had a newer truck available that could be modified to fit the District's tanker needs. Kuhn confirmed.
 - ✓ Watkins inquired on number of "call-outs" to other Districts?
 - ❖ Kuhn stated the Alva District is not currently on the Strike Force Team due to our 2-man minimum and the hiring process that the District is currently facing.

Commissioner Fichter made a motion to approve the inception of price shopping the repairs of T-122 as well as contacting the Division of Forestry to inquire on available equipment that could be used for the District's needs. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Old Business

None

Union Report

District Paramedic and Local 1826 DVP, Jean Etcheverry, presented the Union Report

- Stated that he was excited to be a part of the restructure of the Safety Committee.
- Etcheverry stated that he was looking forward to the Volunteer BBQ on April 23rd.
- Informed the Board that he is planning a First Aid & CPR training class at the Alva School on, April 26, 2023, between 5-7 PM. He stated that FGCU will have their EMT and Paramedic students available, placed in stations, who will provide the training to young students, parents and local citizens who choose to attend.
- Informed the Board that Local 1826 President, JP Duncan, will retire in June of 2023.

Volunteer / Public Comments

- District Firefighter/EMT Richard Johnson thanked Administration for their dedicated and diligent work.

Commissioner Comments

- Commissioner Fichter inquired on the progress of the District's Performance Evaluation? Kuhn stated that he was now in the process of uploading the requested information.
- Commissioner Crittenden hoped that everyone had a wonderful Easter Sunday and stated that he was looking forward to the Volunteer BBQ.

Reminders

- The May Board Meeting will be held Monday, May 08, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment

Commissioner Crittenden moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. This was seconded by Commissioner Fichter, and the vote was unanimous. Chairman Crittenden closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sunny Sipes, Administrative Assistant

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