

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
**ALVA FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT**  
2660 STYLES ROAD, ALVA, FLORIDA 33920  
DATE: JANUARY 13, 2025

**Call to Order**

Chairman Watkins convened the regular monthly meeting of the Alva Fire Protection & Rescue Service District at 6:30 PM on January 13, 2025. There were sufficient Board members present to establish a quorum.

**Commissioners in Attendance**

Henry Grant Fichter  
Darren Watkins  
Paul F. Meloy, Jr.  
Henry D. MacArty  
Debbie K. Whitney

**Also in Attendance**

Jean P. Etcheverry, Chief - **Absent**  
Sunny Sipes, Finance Manager  
1-District Firefighter  
1-District Volunteer  
Chief Bobby Rewis - FMSFD  
Tim Jones - Local 1826  
Pastor Paul Cords

**Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence / Prayer**

Prayer performed by Pastor Cords

**Presentation of Awards & Acknowledgments**

Chairman Watkins welcomed newly appointed Commissioners MacArty and Whitney. Additional acknowledgments included in Chief's Report.

**Approval of the December 09, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Fichter moved to approve the minutes of the December 09, 2024, regular monthly meeting. Commissioner MacArty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

**Approval of the Financial Data from December 2024**

Finance Manager, Sunny Sipes, detailed District income and expenditures (copy attached hereto).

Commissioner Meloy moved to approve the financial data from December 2024. Commissioner Fichter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

**Public Input on Business**

None

**New Business**

➤ **Chief's Report**

Sunny Sipes relayed Chief Etcheverry's report that detailed the following:

- ✓ Happy Birthday to Commissioner MacArty and Firefighter/EMT's Jarvar Nader and Domenico Mastres.
- ✓ Congratulations to Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Allen for his recent promotion to A-Shift Engineer.
- ✓ The District will be picking-up (3) 1,500-gallon containers, that were donated, and will be used to store water for our apparatus.
- ✓ Total calls: 23 / 19-Medical, 4-Fire
- ✓ Two landing zones (LZ 5 & 6) were added to Tablet Command.

- ✓ We will attend a Trailways event on February 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ✓ We will conduct fire extinguisher awareness and operational procedures at Syngenta in the coming weeks.
- ✓ E-121 is back with new shelving.
- ✓ B-121 is back with a new pump but still requires a few minor repairs.
- ✓ Florida Fire Chief's Conference was a success. Chief met with new ISO Field Rep and secured a vendor for the District's new gear dryer.
- ✓ Board will renew the District's \$500,000 Line of Credit with First Bank at the February meeting.
- ✓ Chief is planning to post a hiring opportunity, next month, for three additional Firefighters.
- ✓ Chief and two District Firefighters are currently headed to Daytona Beach for a HAZMAT Symposium.
- ✓ Chief submitted his third application for the Firehouse Subs Grant requesting new extrication equipment.

Commissioner MacArty moved to accept Chief Etcheverry's Chief's Report. Commissioner Meloy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

### **Old Business**

None

- Chairman Watkins ensued discussion on the new shell rock that was placed on the District's property roadway.

### **Union Report**

District Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Allen DVP Local 1826

- Stated no Union Report
- Stated that the Union is currently working on a pay study in preparation for upcoming negotiations.

### **Volunteer / Public Comments**

None

### **Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner's Fichter, Meloy and Watkins welcomed the newly appointed Commissioners to this evening's meeting.
- Commissioner MacArty inquired who assists District employees when the Chief is out of town? Sipes stated FMSFD Chief Bobby Rewis. Chief Rewis confirmed.
- Commissioner MacArty stated he would like to see the Chief inform the Chairman of the Board if he will be absent from an upcoming meeting.
- Commissioner MacArty stated that he finds it useful and efficient to Administration when each Commissioner is responsible for specialized/individualized needs of the District.
- Discussion ensued and Chairman Watkins asked him to develop a plan for his proposal of this topic.
- Commissioner MacArty inquired on the Station living quarters remodel.

### **Reminders**

- The February Board Meeting will be held Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Fichter moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitney, and the vote was unanimous. Chairman Watkins closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sunny Sipes, Finance Manager / Administrative Specialist

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