



**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday February 12, 2008
7:00 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN GORRIS AT 19:00.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY CHAIRMAN GORRIS.
INVOCATION LED BY COMMISSIONER EMMA.
ALL COMMISSIONERS WERE PRESENT.**

AWARDS PRESENTATION

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item 1, Approve the Board Minutes from January 8, 2008 regular meeting. Commissioner McPherson motioned to accept the minutes as written. Commissioner Thackeray seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item 2, Chief Dutton of Destin Fire District. Chief Dutton spoke about cuts for Florida Special Districts in Amendment 1 and the Florida Fire Chief's Association's plans on the financial strains.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Agenda Item 3, Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Broome reviewed the District's January 2008 financial reports and gave an outlook on the District's financial standing. Commissioner McPherson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Thackeray seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item 4, Rebuttal to Issues by Commissioner Broome: Commissioner Broome addressed a few of the comments made in the news papers in this area about the District and the Fire Assessment Fee. Commissioner Gorris motioned to have Commissioner Thackeray meet with Dave Szymanski and the Tax Watch Group and report to the District's Board at the February 26, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Broome seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item 5, Tentative 2009 Budget: Commissioner Broome presented a tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2009.

Agenda Item 6, Reinstate Lieutenant Miller and Firefighter/Paramedic Gajewski that were laid off February 1, 2008. Commissioner Emma motioned to reinstate these two Firefighters until the Board reviews the budget closer. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion. Commissioners Emma, McPherson, and Gorris approved the motion. Commissioner Broome and Thackeray opposed the motion. Motion carried three to two.

Agenda Item 7, Proposed Extra Meetings for the Fourth Tuesday of February and March 2008. Commissioner McPherson motioned to have the two extra meetings. Commissioner Broome seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item 8, International Firefighters Local Union 4192 to be recognized as the exclusive bargaining unit for the Midway Professional Firefighters. Commissioner Broome motioned to table this until the February 26, 2008 meeting. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner McPherson motioned to have the Board look into stress counseling for the employees of the District over the pending budget cuts. Commissioner McPherson volunteered to look into this for the Board. Commissioner Emma seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item 9, Chief's Report. Chief Demeter reviewed the District's business for the month of January 2008.

No further items were presented. Commissioner Broome motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. Chairman Gorris adjourned the meeting at 22:33.

Jacque Gorris, Chairman

Date:

T. J. Emma Secretary

Date: