

Minutes for the Meeting of
the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District Board of Commissioners

July 23, 2025 10:00am
Diamondhead Beach Resort
2000 Estero Boulevard

In attendance: Chairman John Bennett, Vice-Chairman Jim Knickle, Secretary/Treasurer Ron Fleming, Commissioner Jacki Lyszak, Commissioner Keran Farrell, Fire Chief Scott Wirth, and District members.

1. Meeting Called to Order 10:00am
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adoption of Agenda [Discussion/Approval]

It was requested to remove item 8C and present it at a later date.

Commissioner Lyszak moved to approve the changes to the agenda, Commissioner Fleming seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

4. Restate Agenda Items [Information]
5. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items - *none*
6. Consent Agenda [Approval]

Items listed are considered routine and action will be taken by one motion; if a Commissioner desires discussion, the specific item will be removed during the Adoption of the Agenda and considered separately.

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2025
- B. Approval of June General Fund Checks 49410-49449 total \$73,793.82
- C. Approval of June Capital Improvement Fund Checks 1045-1052 total \$535,726.42.

Commissioner Knickle moved to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner Farrell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

7. Unfinished Business- *none*
8. New Business

- A. Surplus Capital Assets [Discussion/Public Input/Approval]

Chief Wirth presented a list of surplus items to be replaced and/or retired in the short term. The Board had no questions.

Commissioner Fleming motioned to approve the surplus list, Commissioner Lyszak seconded the motion. There was no public input and the motion carried 5-0.

- B. Purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus [Discussion/Public Input/Approval]

Chief Wirth presented the Board with information on the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatuses. The final price is \$387,780.00. Commissioner Fleming asked how long it would take to get them, Chief Wirth answered it should take 8-12 weeks. Commissioner Lyszak asked if these are better than what is currently being used and Chief Wirth explained the equipment enhancements. Commissioner Farrell motioned to approve the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus for the price of \$387,780.00, Commissioner Knickle seconded the motion. There was no public input and the motion carried 5-0.

C. Life Safety Fee Schedule Update - Resolution 2025-03[Discussion/Public Input/Approval] – *this item was removed from the agenda and will be presented at a future date.*

D. Establish Truth In Millage (TRIM) Rate [Discussion/Public Input/Approval]
Chief Wirth thanked Jane for her work on the TRIM rate. He recommended holding the millage rate at 2.8 mils. Staff received no public input in advance of the meeting.

Commissioner Lyszak motioned to approve the TRIM rate of 2.80 mils, Commissioner Bennett seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried 5-0.

E. Date for Tentative Budget Hearing [Discussion/Public Input/Approval]
Chief Wirth presented the date of September 10, 2025 at 5:05 pm as a tentative budget hearing date. Commissioner Lyszak shared that she is expected to return from traveling that day and barring any unforeseen issues should be available. Chief Wirth proposed September 24, 2025 at 5:05 pm for the final budget hearing. Commissioner Bennett motioned to approve the dates, Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

F. Board Policy Review [Information/Discussion]
The Board was given a copy of the Board policy document and was asked to review and present any proposed changes at a future meeting.

9. Fire Chief Remarks [Information/Discussion]

July 4th fireworks went well and there was good attendance.

Chief Wirth introduced Assistant Chief of Training Kevin Sears.

The District will be scheduling a topping off ceremony for Station 31 and thanked Commissioner Fleming for the flag and flag pole currently on the building.

Firefighter Alex Krause successfully completed probation, Chief Wirth extended his congratulations.

10. Attorney Report [Information/Discussion] - *none*

11. Commissioner Remarks [Information]

Commissioner Farrell thanked everyone for a good meeting and is happy the District is able to hold the TRIM rate.

Commissioner Lyszak welcomed Chief Sears and expressed she is happy with the state of the District.

Commissioner Knickle thanked staff for putting together the meeting. He commented on the Survivor documentary that aired earlier this week and remarked on the hard work of the District and members since Hurricane Ian.

Commissioner Fleming shared his thoughts on the documentary. He is happy that the District will be getting new SCBAs and a drone. He is looking forward to the next budget and the possibility of getting a boat. He congratulated Chief Sears.

Commissioner Bennett shared his thoughts on the documentary. He shared his appreciation for District members and help from across the country in response to Hurricane Ian. He expressed if there is any way for our District to give back to those communities that helped us he would like to reciprocate.

12. Adjournment 10:27am