

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

September 13, 2023 5:15 PM  
Diamondhead Beach Resort  
2000 Estero Boulevard

In attendance: Chairman John Bennett, Vice-Chairman Larry Wood, Secretary/Treasurer Jim Knickle, Commissioner Ron Fleming, Commissioner Jacki Liszak (Remote via Teams), Fire Chief Scott Wirth, Finance Director Jane Thompson and District members.

1. **Meeting Called to Order** 5:18pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Adoption of Agenda** [Discussion/Approval]  
Commissioner Fleming motioned, Commissioner Knickle seconded; motion carried 5-0
4. **Restate Agenda Items** [Information]
5. **Highlights of Proposed Budget & Millage Rate** [Information]  
Chief Wirth presented the tentative budget. The Board had no questions.
6. **Adoption of Tentative Millage Rate- Resolution 2023-03** [Introduction/Public Input/Discussion/Adoption]  
Commissioner Fleming motioned to approve Resolution 2023-03 with a millage rate of 2.9851. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:  
Commissioner Wood- Yes  
Commissioner Knickle- Yes  
Commissioner Fleming- Yes  
Commissioner Bennett- Yes  
Commissioner Liszak -Yes
7. **Adoption of Tentative Budget- Resolution 2023-04** [Introduction/Public Input/Discussion/Adoption]  
Commissioner Wood motioned to approve Resolution 2023-04 with a budget of \$28,672,252. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:  
Commissioner Wood- Yes  
Commissioner Knickle- Yes  
Commissioner Fleming- Yes  
Commissioner Bennett- Yes  
Commissioner Liszak -Yes

8. **Establish Final Budget Hearing Date** [Introduction/Public Input/Discussion/Approval]

Commissioner Bennett motioned to hold the Final Budget Hearing on September 27, 2023 at 5:15 PM. Commissioner Liszak seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

9. **Fire Chief Remarks** [Information/Discussion]

Chief Wirth thanked the Board for their support while developing the budget and thanked staff for their hard work over the past year.

10. **Commissioners Remarks** [Information]

Commissioner Liszak had no remarks due to audio difficulties.

Commissioner Fleming thanked everyone and remarked that we have a great organization.

Commissioner Knickle thanked everyone for their hard work through this difficult year as the beach rebuilds.

Commissioner Wood concurred with Commissioner Knickle and thanked everyone for their work.

Chairman Bennett thanked administrative staff and line personnel for their hard work over the past year and shared that he is looking forward to a year of growth.

11. **Adjournment** – 5:37 PM