

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

September 30, 2024 5:15 pm  
Diamondhead Beach Resort  
2000 Estero Boulevard

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

1. **Meeting Called to Order 5:15pm**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Adoption of Agenda** [Discussion/Approval]

Commissioner Fleming motioned to approve the agenda, Commissioner Lyszak seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

4. **Restate Agenda Items** [Information]

5. **Highlights of Proposed Budget & Millage Rate** [Information]

Chief Wirth gave a brief presentation of the budget and went over changes made to sections of the budget. The bottom line number for the budget did not change.

6. **Adoption of Final Millage Rate – Resolution 2024-06** [Introduction/Public Input/Discussion/Adoption]

Commissioner Knickle motioned to approve Resolution 2024-06, adopting a final millage rate of 2.80, Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. There were no questions, discussion or public input. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Wood: Yes

Commissioner Knickle: Yes

Commissioner Fleming: Yes

Commissioner Lyszak: Yes

Commissioner Bennett: Yes

7. **Adoption of Final Budget– Resolution 2024-07** [Introduction/Public Input/Discussion/Adoption]

Commissioner Fleming motioned to approve Resolution 2024-07, adopting a final budget of \$45,785,314, Commissioner Lyszak seconded the motion. There were no questions or discussion. Commissioner Bennett shared public input received via email. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Lyszak: Yes

Commissioner Fleming: Yes

Commissioner Knickle: Yes

Commissioner Wood: Yes

Commissioner Bennett: Yes

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

Chief Wirth thanked Jane for her hard work on the budget and thanked everyone for their contributions. He shared that the District's thoughts are with all affected by Hurricane Helene.

9. **Commissioners Remarks** [Information]

Commissioner Fleming thanked Jane for her hard work on the budget. He commented on those affected by Hurricane Helene.

Commissioner Liszak thanked everyone for their hard work. She thanked crews and members of the District who helped out with Hurricane Helene response and extended condolences to communities affected.

Commissioner Wood thanked everyone and remarked on his remaining time on the Board. He shared that he is continually impressed by the skills of District and Board members.

Commissioner Knickle shared his thoughts on Hurricane Helene and thanked Chief Wirth and District members for their preparation for the storm. He shared his appreciation for Commissioner Wood and all of his help while on the Board.

Commissioner Bennett thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget and commented on the Beach community's resiliency through the recent storms. He thanked the members of the USAR teams as they are deployed and remarked on their work. He thanked Commissioner Wood for all of his support and work on the Board over the past few years.

10. **Adjournment** 5:32pm

