

SANIBEL FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT  
Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting  
June 9, 2021

Commissioners – Vice Chair Bruce Cochrane, Secretary Richard McCurry  
Fire Chief Bill Briscoe  
Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Barbot  
Division Chief of Fire Prevention/Fire Marshal Larry Williams  
Administrator Mary Hickey

In attendance were the following: Breeze Newspaper journalist Tiffany Repecki.

Commissioner Bruce Cochrane opened the meeting at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Cochrane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1st Order of Business: The minutes for the May 12, 2021, commission meeting were reviewed and accepted by the Board Members. A motion was made by Commissioner McCurry to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was second by Commissioner Cochrane. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2<sup>nd</sup> Order of Business: Commissioner Jerry Muench, Division Chief Barrett, and Assistant Administrator Samantha Quinn were excused from the meeting.

3rd Order of Business: Administrator Mary Hickey reviewed the account balances. The district has received 93.8% of all ad valorem taxes for the year. The budget is at 61% of spending. Administrator Hickey stated, the financial audit is complete, and everything is good.

4th Order of Business: Fire Chief Briscoe read a prepared document by Division Chief of Training Barrett. Medical: Medical Director Dr. Abo's lecture was on trauma and case reviews, the next lecture will be June 30, 2021. The topic will be lightning and electrical emergencies. Several members are attending the "cadaver labs" this week. Fire: We are focusing on new Marine 171 but will continue weekly shift drills. Special Operations: As mentioned above, Firefighter Walters has been spending several hours with each shift's boat operators. Last week each shift went out and trained on close quarter operations in docking and maneuvering and learning the electronics. The week each shift will go out at night and work on the same operations.

5th Order of Business: Fire Chief Briscoe read a prepared document by Assistant Administrator Quinn on social media and website interactions:

Post Reach: 7,671  
Post Engagement: 4,127  
New page likes: 32  
Page likes: 2,086  
Page follows: 2,294  
Website visits for May 2021: 16,999

Chief Briscoes stated, Assistant Administrator Quinn also did a hurricane preparedness campaign the first week of hurricane season, which was very well received. The electrocution also received a lot of press.

5th Order of Business: Fire Marshal Williams informed everyone that the Custard Shack is open. The community church finals are still not done. Fire Marshal Williams Met with John Newman and Ken the Contractor for the outside elevator at a local business. Division Chief Barrett and Fire Marshal Williams are compiling a list of apartments on the island for the pre plans which are needed for the firefighters. Fire Marshal Williams has been doing annual inspections along Middle Gulf Drive and East Gulf Drive.

6th Order of Business: Deputy Chief Barbot reviewed the calls for May 2021 we responded to 155 calls and May 2020 we responded to 107 calls. We are currently at a 36% increase in call volume over last year. All firefighters are doing boat operations training for New Marine 171. Marine 171 just received its first 20-hour service. Maintenance on the boat lift was

completed to allow for proper docking of the new boat. All firefighters are doing training with Firefighter Walters, night and day operations, to increase their comfort level on the new boat.

7th Order of Business: Fire Chief Briscoe stated staff has been working on the budget.

8th Order of Business: No discussion by the commissioners or union.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 AM.

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Commissioner Jerry Muench

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Commissioner Bruce Cochrane

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Commissioner Richard McCurry