

East Niceville Fire District

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May 14, 2019 – Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Ingram called to order the meeting of the East Niceville Fire District Commission at 6:00 PM, May 14, 2019 at the East Niceville Fire Dept. Chairman Ingram led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Roll Call

All Commissioners were present, Chief Wright and the on duty firefighters.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were posted on the ENFD website. Commissioner Schwab made a motion to approve the April 9, 2019 minutes, seconded by Treasurer McEntire. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer McEntire reported that we have a total of \$672,293 in all bank accounts. The district has received 98% of the annual budget and has spent 53% so far this year. EXPENDITURES: Treasurer McEntire reported that the District spent \$700 for new tires and anti-freeze on the old pickup truck. Commissioner Schwab would like to track the mileage used on this pickup to see if it is worth keeping. The truck is used by the firefighters. Chief Wright would like to keep the truck.

Old Business

Pension Fund: Commissioner Evans reported that the meeting of the Pension Fund Board still has not been scheduled. He also reported that we have almost \$1 million dollars in the account and once we reach the million dollar mark we can start investing the money. Treasurer McEntire still has not heard from the auditors.

New Business

A discussion was continued from the last meeting about hiring 3 new firefighters (one per shift). Chairman Ingram and Chief Wright brought some numbers to the meeting showing that it would cost the district a total of \$116,130.00 per year for the new firefighters. This would include their salary, FICA match, health, dental and vision coverage. A motion was made by Commissioner Evans to hire the new firefighters and seconded by Commissioner Tisa. The motion passed with Chairman Ingram, Commissioners Schwab, Evans and Tisa voting yes, and Treasurer McEntire voting no. Chairman Ingram suggested that we set up a new fire truck trust fund. Commissioner Schwab agreed. Treasurer McEntire will look into this and the discussion was tabled until next meeting by Chairman Ingram. LAND ENCHROACHMENT: Ruckel Properties contacted Chairman Ingram about an encroachment issue with their property. Chairman Ingram had a discussion with Dora Cawood (representative for RPI) about this and he presented 3 options to the Board: a) move the structures off their land, b) lease the property (150' by 10') for 10 years with renewal options at a rate of \$150 per month. An approximate \$650 survey/legal description will come with this that we will split with RPI 50/50, c) purchase

the property for \$15,000 (which is \$10 a square foot). This will also come with the \$650 survey/legal description we will split as well and \$1000 in closing costs. Commissioner Schwab made a motion that we will buy the property and seconded by Commissioner Evans. Motion passed. Commissioner Schwab will meet with Dora Cawood to give a counter offer. Chairman Ingram suggested that we should set up a budget committee to do research for next year's budget. He and Treasurer McEntire will work on numbers for the next meeting in June.

Chief's Report

Chief Wright reported the fire engine was serviced by 10-8 and is running great. Any engine work will be done by Empire and this will be scheduled immediately.

Adjourn

After no further business Commissioner Schwab made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Treasurer McEntire. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Leo Tisa