

June 21, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of the North River Fire District met in regular session on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. in the Resource Center of Station Two.

Present:	Paul Pitcher	Chairman
	Robert Bell	Vice-Chairman
	Amy Willis	Commissioner
	Michael Browning	Commissioner
	Scott Smith	Commissioner
	James Alderman	Commissioner
	Michael S. Rampino	Fire Chief
Absent	Harry L. Blenker	Commissioner

Chairman Pitcher inquired if there was any public wishing to make comment; as no public was present or wishing to comment, Chairman Pitcher proceeded with the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting on April 19, 2018 were approved on motion by Commissioner Alderman, seconded by Commissioner Browning and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chief Rampino conducted a pinning ceremony for recently promoted Engineer Cole Johnson, who was “pinned” by his spouse. Congratulations were offered to Engineer Johnson on his achievement.

Commissioners were presented with the 2016-2017 FY Financial Audit. Chief Rampino indicated that the net position increased by \$159,632.00. The General Fund Reserve decreased by \$243,030.00 but is still within the 30% reserve of expenses. CS&L indicated that once again the District had achieved an “unqualified opinion” which is the best designation available for an audit. Commissioner Smith motioned to approve the 2016/2017 FY NRRFD Financial Audit, seconded by Commissioner Alderman and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Resolution 2018-02, AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF A STATE WIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT was presented. Chief Rampino indicated that the State was updating the agreement from the current one. The District’s Attorney, Maggie Mooney-Portale has reviewed the document and will sign it once approved by the Commission. Resolution 2018-02 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Browning, seconded by Commissioner Bell and carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chief Rampino presented the financial report for the months ending April and May 2018. Chief Rampino indicated that the District’s expenses were at 68.6% and income was at 99.5% of the general fund FY budget. Also, the District was doing very well with the recent investment fund that began late January and have received roughly \$31,000.00 in interest since then. Commissioner Alderman

motioned to approve the April and May 2018 financial reports, seconded by Commissioner Willis and carried by a vote of 6-0.

In his Administration Report, Chief Rampino indicated that he had been contacted by the newspaper regarding a West Manatee Fire Commissioner that had openly voiced a merger between West Manatee Fire Rescue, Cedar Hammock Fire Control District and Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue. Chief Rampino indicated to the reporter that he had no comment as this did not include our District. Chief told the commissioners that West Manatee's board did vote to allow their Chairman to approach the two other districts about the matter.

All the Commissioners congratulated Cole Johnson on his promotion to Engineer.

Commissioner Browning inquired about the District's FEMA reimbursement for Hurricane Irma, Chief Rampino stated that all documents have been signed and approved and we are now waiting on the reimbursement. Commissioner Browning also mentioned that he was sure that the merger discussion would come up during their next Manatee County Fire Commissioner meeting.

Commissioner/Treasurer Smith thanked the administrative staff for a job well done on the audit.

Chairman Pitcher also thanked the administrative staff for a job well done on the audit.

Commissioner Alderman motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Smith and carried by a vote of 6-0.

PAUL J. PITCHER
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

MICHAEL BROWNING
SECRETARY