

**Pace Fire Rescue District  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
December 20, 2021**

- 1. Meeting Called to Order**
  - a. Quorum present.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Moment of Silence**
- 4. Agenda Approval (Additions/Deletions)**
- 5. Public forum – acknowledged**
- 6. Minutes from the previous meeting**
  - a. Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> made by Vice-Chairman Madine, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Page
  - b. Motion passed.
- 7. Financial Report (Written report attached and copy emailed to Board)**
  - a. Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> made by Vice-Chairman Madine, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Mills.
  - b. Motion passed.
- 8. Chief Report (written and attached)**
- 9. Station 3 update**
  - a. The temporary power box should be up today. There should be enough power to run the air conditioner inside the building. They should be able to start working inside the building. We will not have to pay for the pole or meter.
- 10. Pension Board Members appointment**
  - a. Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> made by commissioner Page, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Mills.
  - b. Motion passed.

**11. State Grant Cancer Prevention**

- a. We did receive the grant; with this money we will be purchasing an extractor for Station 3. The equipment will cost approximately \$7,000, so our cost will be \$1,700 to \$1,800.

**12. L.O.S.T. Funding**

- a. We would like to apply this money (\$500,000) towards a 3,000-gallon Tanker for Station 4. Chief Whitfield spoke to Mr. Baker, and he will see that we receive \$100,000 yearly. We will be responsible for anything over \$500,000.
- b. Commissioner Mills asked what we would be responsible for and Chief Whitfield told him "the Tanker". Commissioner Gradia asked how much does a Tanker cost. Chief Whitfield said they can run anywhere from \$340,000 to \$400,000 base price. The low-end price would be \$240,000; that would not include anything on the Tanker. Commissioner Gradia asked when the next Engine would have to be purchased. Chief Whitfield told him the current Engine was purchased in 2019, so he believed it's good until 2026.

**13. Tax Collector**

- a. At the end of each year, the Tax collector refunds money that is left in the budget for that year. Chief Whitfield would like to take the refund from this year to replace broken exercise equipment. Commissioner Gradia asked if there was something "major" that might need to be replaced other than exercise equipment. Chief Whitfield explained that the guys needed the exercise equipment especially with Lifescan Physicals being scheduled in March.
- b. Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> made by Vice-Chairman Madine, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Page.
- c. Motion approved.

**14. Five Mile Swamp Fire**

- a. We were granted \$5,038.62, would like to use this money towards to purchase a new fuel trailer. The trailer we have now is cracked. A new one will cost around \$7,600. Chief Whitfield will be going to pick it up in Texas, shipping is too much.
- b. Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> made by Vice-Chairman Madine, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Gradia.
- c. Motion approved.

**15. Hurricane IDA Response**

- a. We have submitted a claim for \$36,000 from FEMA for assisting Louisiana.

**16. State EMS Site visit**

- a. We had our annual EMS visit with no issues.

**17. Request to Santa Rosa County Administrator**

- a. We have asked the County Administrator to turn the trucks over to the Pace Fire Rescue District. They will be putting in on the agenda at one of the upcoming meetings.

**18. Walmart Community Grant**

- a. We applied for the Walmart Community Grant which was \$2,500; and we received \$1,650. This money will be combined with the Tax Collector refund for the purchase of the treadmill.

**19. S.A.F.E.R Grant**

- a. This is still with the writers and as soon as it's completed it will be submitted.

**20. New Ladder Truck Update**

- a. The new Ladder Truck is in DeFuniak with a back door issue. This issue was addressed in Appleton and was supposed to be fixed there but it wasn't, so Pearson will be fixing it before we take ownership at no cost to us. The Ladder Truck should be here by the first of the year. Training is scheduled for January 4,5 and 6.
- b. Commissioner Mills asked when it would go into service. Chief Whitfield is hoping for soon after it arrives as long as there are no issues.

**21. Motion to Adjourn.**

- a. Next month's meeting falls on January 17<sup>th</sup>, which is a holiday, so it was asked to reschedule for January 31<sup>st</sup>. Chief Whitfield will advertise the rescheduled date.
- b. Motion to adjourn 1<sup>st</sup> made by Commissioner Page, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice-Chairman Madine.
- c. Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2022.



Dean Anderson, Chairman