

**Immokalee Fire Control Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 20, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Aviles at 7:02 PM. Present were Commissioners Terrie Aviles, Pam Brown, Phong Ho, Joe Matthews and Edward Olesky, Fire Chief Scott Birge, Fire Marshal Leo Rodgers, Board Attorney Kenneth Thompson, Ann Carver, Chelsea Crain, Union President Tom Cunningham, firefighters, and members of the public. The pledge of allegiance and silent prayer were led by Commissioner Aviles.

These Minutes are a summary of the meeting. Any further information can be obtained by the tape.

Approval of the Agenda: Commissioner Brown asked to add discussion on Grants to Old Business number seven (7) and add Union Comment under Business of the District. Commissioner Matthews made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. Commissioner Ho seconded the motion. The motion was brought into question. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Approval of the December 16, 2010 and January 12, 2011 Minutes: Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Commissioner Brown stated she cannot vote for the January 12, 2011 Workshop Minutes because she was not present. Commissioner Brown amended her motion to approve the regular meeting minutes only. Commissioner Matthews seconded the motion. The motion was brought into question. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Commissioner Olesky made a motion to approve the January 12, 2011 Workshop Minutes. Commissioner Ho seconded the motion. The motion was brought into question. Commissioner Aviles, Ho and Olesky voted yes. Commissioner Matthews and Brown abstained their vote. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Money Market:	\$1,333,039.02
Impact Fee Account:	\$1,504,648.28
Cash/Operating Account:	\$174,010.17

Consent Agenda: Chief Birge recommended to the Board to pull the Whistleblower Policy to discuss and draft a new policy with recent information given. Commissioner Aviles pulled the Whistleblower Policy from the consent agenda. Commissioner Aviles suggested that the Bereavement Policy have something in it stating it applies to Administration only. Commissioner Matthews made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the stated changes. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The motion was brought into question. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Commissioner Brown made a motion to have the Bereavement Policy sent to Lara Donlon for her review and bring back for approval at the next meeting. Commissioner Matthews seconded the motion. The motion was called into question. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Commissioner Brown made a motion to table the policies until the next regular meeting. Commissioner Ho seconded the motion. The motion was brought into question. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Business of the District: Union President Tom Cunningham stated to the Board that the Union has filed a new notice of negotiations and presented it to Chief Birge. Commissioner Brown asked if the Board will be receiving a copy of the notice. Chief Birge stated that the Commissioners will receive it during an executive session. An executive session was set for February 1, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

Old Business

- 1. Facilitator Chuck Mohlke:** Commissioner Brown made a motion to have Chuck Mohlke be the Board facilitator for the Board Workshops. Commissioner Matthews seconded the motion. The motion was brought into question. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 2. Purchasing Policy:** Attorney Kenneth Thompson included a letter regarding the purchasing policy in the Board Packets. Chief Birge stated he will make a draft policy based off of Kenneth Thompson's suggestions.
- 3. Forensic Audit:** Attorney Kenneth Thompson stated that a letter from Jeff Tuscan will be sent to the Board stating his understanding of what the Board would like completed with the Forensic Audit.
- 4. Seminole Agreement:** A letter was included in the Board packet with an update on the Seminole Agreement.
- 5. Continuation of Questions for the Chief:** Chief Birge included answers to the questions in the Commissioners packets.
- 6. Report on Polling Violations Allegations:** Chief Birge included a letter and response to the allegations of the polling violations. Commissioner Brown stated that she has seen Deputy Chief Dimas driving his family around in the Department vehicle. Commissioner Matthews stated he would like a draft policy on department vehicle use for the next meeting. Commissioner Brown suggested a policy be written for department vehicles at the polls so it cannot happen next year. Commissioner Brown also requested a policy for time off for voting.
- 7. Grant Update:** Commissioner Brown asked for an update on the SAFER grant. Chief Birge said he would supply the Commissioners with the login information to view the grant. Commissioner Aviles suggested adding more detail to the grant report.

New Business

- 1. Presentation from Fraser and Mohlke Associates, Inc.:** Chuck Mohlke gave a presentation to the Board and explained the process he used for the evaluations. He stated he incorporated the comments into his report and proposed a structure to consider for the future.
- 2. Budget – Expenditure Report:** Commissioner Brown stated a concern with taking money out of the reserve account. She suggested that they start discussing the budget now for next year.
- 3. Draft and Discussion on Commission Meeting Policy:** Commissioner Brown suggested they have two meetings a month with a two hour time limit or a regular workshop. Commissioner Aviles asked to have a draft workshop agenda for when one is scheduled.
- 4. Draft and Discussion on Attorney Contact Policy:** Commissioner Aviles stated that they discussed this topic at the workshop. Commissioner Ho stated that with the current situation

they felt a need to have a structure when contacting the attorney. Commissioner Ho proposed the attorney come up with an annual payment option. Kenneth Thompson stated he would have that for the next meeting.

- 5. Topics Initiated by Commissioners:** Commissioner Brown suggested having a preliminary agenda put on the website. She requested an update on the website for the next month's meeting.

- 6. Public Comment:** Tom Cunningham stated that while the Commissioners are looking at the budget and the costs of everything he hopes they live by what they preach in reducing spending especially with things like the facilitator. He also mentioned the allegations of the department vehicles at the polls and if it were an accurate allegation it should have been reported immediately to the supervisor of elections. He stated that he believes they are not moving forwards. Commissioner Aviles asked for them to work together to make things move forwards instead of concentrating on the past.

Adjourn: Commissioner Matthews adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM