



- I. Board Of Commissioners Meeting Approved Minutes
- II. Navarre Beach Fire Rescue
- III. 1413 Utility Drive, Navarre, FL 32566
- IV. 11 July 2023

Commissioners Present

Keith Lang, Chairman
Jack Burton, Vice Chairman
Ken Huete, Treasurer
Shelley Brummett, Secretary - Absent
Aldo Ercolano, Member at Large

I. Call to Order at 4:31 by Chairman Keith Lang.

II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Keith Lang.

Those in attendance: Chief Danny Fureigh, Joan Fryt-Staff Assistant, Austin Turnbull – Beach Safety Director, and Jerry Lambert

III. Quorum was confirmed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. A motion was made by Keith Lang and seconded by Jack Burton to accept the previous meeting minutes as presented.
2. Motion approved.

V. Reports

1. Chief's Report

a. Chief Fureigh reported the following:

Attended a webinar on how funding and tax collector procedures work. Tax roles were verified with only three discrepancies, Reserve Funds moved to a money market account with Synovus as voted on at the last meeting. Closed out all old LLC bank accounts and transferred residual to the district. The first impact fee of \$500 was received. Received official notification from the state of Florida for appropriations for the new fire boat (\$142,000) which is now on order. Conducted Union Negotiations. Received first impact fee of \$500. Received appraisal for the Fire Dept. building (\$1.8 million). Firefighter Patrick Wissing resigned to pursue a career in Nursing. Captain Donehoo passed his state fire exam for Fire Inspector. As a result, NBFR will take over inspection of the commercial properties on Navarre Beach in 2024. Trained with Holly Navarre Fire Dept.

2. Captains' Report

None.

3. Beach Safety Report

a. Attended the NBLRA meeting. Purchased a rip current simulator – several presentations were conducted so far. Conducted multiple nationwide news interviews pertaining to the hammerhead shark video which went viral on social media. Met with USLA regarding forming a beach review board to address the numerous drownings in the panhandle area. USLA is conducting a beach review.

Statistics:

Attendance 367,589

Prevention	283,412
Contact	302,710
Assist	4,459
Enforcement	713
Marine Life	593
Minor Medical	178
Major Medical	5
Boat infractions	58
Missing Person	21
Rescue	15
Reef	24
Kayak	46
Wildlife	1

4. Treasures Report

Operating Account	\$313,347.33
Donation Account	\$795.36
Impact Fees Account	\$500.00
Beach Safety Account	\$276,138.84

NBFR – Synovus Bank -Reserve Account Balance as of 30 June 2023

Bank balance	\$314,989.31
Interest	\$1.25
Total	\$314,990.56

- a. A motion was made by Keith Lang and seconded by Jack Burton to accept the treasures' report as presented.
- b. Motion approved.

VI Old Business

None

New Business

- a. Chief Fureigh explained that the previous discussion of a Records Custodian does not need a resolution and only needs a formal vote. Chapter 119 explains the process to handle records request. Part of the motion requires the establishment of an email address to field all records request. The email is recordrequests@navarrebeachfire.org. The motion establishes that the Staff Assistant manages the records request.
- b. A motion was made by Keith Lang and Seconded by Jack Burton to establish the records request position and to be filled by the Staff Assistant utilizing the email recordrequests@navarrebeachfire.org
- c. Motion Approved

- d. Chief Fureigh explained that a requirement of the Special Fire District requires that the tentative 2024 budget will need to be voted on, adopted, and posted for a period 45 days. The tentative budget was discussed between the Board and the Chief. The total of the 2023/2024 FY tentative budget is \$1,201,500 which leaves an extra amount of about \$5,000. The budget includes setting aside \$50,000 for reserves. This is a worse case scenario. NBFR is anticipating an unknown amount of reconciliation from the county tax collector. The real budget will go in in September with actual numbers.
- e. A motion was made by Jack Burton and Seconded by Keith Lang to accept the tentative budget.
- f. Motion approved.

VII Comments or Announcements None

Jay resident, Jerry Lambert, stated that a couple of days ago he received an email “supposedly” sourced from an open records coordinator but tonight is the first time that NBFR adopted an open records coordinator designating that this email address to which future open records request should be submitted. He also said that this shows a disparity. Chief Fureigh attempted to explain that Mr. Lambert was sent an email, not specifically from the coordinator. Mr. Lambert explained that he was not asking a question and said that he was making a statement. Mr. Lambert said this was a little questionable for the reason that there are three other entities listed on the internet that use that same email address. Mr. Lambert also mentioned that he responded to that “inquiry” with a challenge question to verify if the email was accurate because it wasn’t signed by anybody. The challenge question was – “Please send me a list of my current open records request” Mr. Lambert stated that he received no response. He said he will disregard the email and said that he is making an open records request to provide a listing of all emails received from “himself” requesting documents to which NBFR has not responded.

VIII Next meeting will be 8 August 2023 at 4:30 pm

IX Motion to Adjourn was made by Keith Lang and seconded by Jack Burton.

X Motion passed

XI Meeting Adjourned at 5:04pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Ken Huete

Commissioner

Navarre Beach Fire Rescue, Treasurer