

ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT FUND



Minutes of Meeting Held January 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by Secretary, Ronald Parrish.

Those persons present were:

TRUSTEES PRESENT Paul Raymond
Ronald Parrish
Buddy (George) Emerson
Anthony (Tony) Napolitano
Ignatius (Nate) Spera

TRUSTEES ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT Scott Baur & Denise McNeill; Resource Center
Bonni Jensen; Law Office of Perry & Jensen
Several Members of the Plan

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

There were no public comments at this time.

MINUTES

The minutes from the November 15, 2012 meeting were presented to the Board.

- Buddy Emerson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion received a second from Paul Raymond and was approved by the Trustees 5-0.

DISBURSEMENTS

The disbursement listing was included in the Trustee packets for review.

- Paul Raymond made a motion to approve the disbursements as presented. The motion received a second from Buddy Emerson and was approved by the Trustees 5-0.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Bonni Jensen reported the IRS Mileage has increased to \$0.565 per mile effective January 1, 2013. Mrs. Jensen then reported of proposed Bill sponsored by Jeremy Ring that would impact 175 and 185 Plans. She explained the language is much improved over what had been issued in the Naples letter. Mrs. Jensen reviewed some the changes in detail; however she cautioned that additional changes are expected as the Bill progresses. She will keep the Board up to date on the Bill. Discussion followed regarding the potential changes.

TRUSTEE SEATS

FIFTH SEAT APPOINTMENT: Tony Napolitano had presented a resume to the Trustees and expressed his interest of remaining on the Board as the appointed member. He explained that he feels he brings a different element and extended knowledge with his prior pension involvement in another City in South Florida.

- Nate Spera made a motion to re-appoint Tony Napolitano to the fifth seat. The motion received a second from Buddy Emerson for discussion. Discussion followed regarding Chris Bushman. The administrator explained that he had expressed his interest in remaining on

the Board initially but they had not received any further update from Chris Bushman for the meeting. The motion was called to vote and was approved by the Trustees 4-0.

Chief Parrish extended sincere gratitude to Mr. Bushman for his years of service and tireless dedication to the Pension Plan.

CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENT: Chief Parrish addressed the chairman role and suggested that all Trustees should have the opportunity to sit as Chair at some point.

- Tony Napolitano made a motion to appoint Ron Parrish as Chairman. The motion received a second from Nate Spera and was approved by the Trustees 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

BENEFIT APPROVALS: Benefit approvals were presented in the Board's packet for review.

- Tony Napolitano made a motion to approve the benefit approvals as presented. The motion received a second from Paul Raymond and was approved by the Trustees 5-0.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Denise McNeill explained the Financial Statements will be provided as soon as they are available. She explained there were some recording delays from the custody transition in November and therefore the reports were not yet available.

NEW BUSINESS

Denise McNeill addressed a pending issue of a DROP member who has refused to respond and make a benefit election. It was noted the member's DROP was effective September 1, 2012 and the administrator has attempted to acquire the election; however they have received no response. She explained how such a delay becomes problematic for the purposes of normal plan function interrupting fiscal year end reporting, actuary needs, etc. She also explained when such delays fall into the fiscal year end process, additional adjustments are then required in the ensuing fiscal year. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the matter and potential issues. Bonni Jensen reviewed the Resolution Plan Document which appeared not to address the situation. The Board instructed the attorney to address via policy. The administrator was instructed to provide the member with a 30 day notice advising the benefit will default to 10 year certain (normal form) and that by not responding is the same as making a decision by default. A trustee advised that he will contact the member after the meeting to address the situation on behalf of the Board.

Mrs. McNeill then presented a revised Board signature resolution from Fifth Third Bank. The form was signed accordingly.

Nate Spera explained he has received questions from members inquiring into why the Plan does not allow early retirement into the DROP. Mrs. Jensen explained it is a complicating factor and for tax purposes the DROP should be a normal retirement. Mrs. Jensen explained she had other Plans with early DROP options and it did not work out well. Discussion followed regarding IRS rules and tax implications.

There being no further business to discuss,

- Tony Napolitano made a motion to adjourn at 2:50 PM. The motion received a second from Buddy Emerson and was approved by the Trustees 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Parrish, Chairman