ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT FUND

Minutes of Meeting June 16, 2016



Chairman Nate Spera called the meeting to order at 11:34 AM.

Those persons present included:

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Ignatius (Nate) Spera

George (Buddy) Emerson

Jeffery Lee

Anthony (Tony) Napolitano

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Paul Raymond

OTHERS PRESENT

Denise McNeill; Resource Centers

Bonni Jensen; Law Office of Klausner, Jensen & Levinson Jay McBee; DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes

Several Fire District Employees

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Nate Spera invited those present to address the Board. There were no public comments made.

2015 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

Jay McBee of DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes appeared before the Board to present the audited financial statement for the plan year ending September 30, 2015. He reported the financial statements are fairly represented and he is offering a clean, unqualified opinion. Mr. McBee reviewed the balance sheet reporting total assets of \$191,977,949 with a net position held in the Plan of \$191,806,650. Mr. McBee reported a net decrease of \$4,751,958 for the 2015 fiscal year and he noted the current year to date has been better market-wise so far. He reviewed the footnotes explaining there are numerous references for each. He reviewed each of the GASB report changes reminding the Trustees last year was the first year for most of the additional reporting items. Mr. McBee responded to several questions from the Trustees. He explained in the audit, the description of total payroll references the covered payroll as in what pay the pension contributions are charged on. He further explained in GASB, the information is based on what is actually paid to employees while the actuary's payroll used is based on projected pay in advance of a year. Mr. McBee explained that hopefully, this year will see a more common convergence with all parties coming to a similar number. He advised with the Fire District's prefunding; if they only fund on projected payroll and it is overstated, then the Plan will be short money at the end of the year. He explained the difference between the fixed dollar amount and the percent of pay can cause a divergence in funding. Mr. McBee explained it is easy to look back at a year of payroll once the actual totals are known; however the totals may vary from the estimated payroll projected the year in advance. Discussion followed regarding management fees. Mr. McBee explained all money managers and inside fund fees; whenever they can determine; are extracted, tracked and logged; however the mutual fund fees are buried within the funds and they are not able to record separately. Since the mutual fund earnings are net of total earnings, the fees are therefore accounted for, just not listed separately. Nate Spera commented the 63 basis points for total cost is a very good rate in comparison to the cost of his 457 account. Mr. McBee agreed the overall cost for the Plan of 63 basis points is a good rate. Mrs. Jensen explained all of the fees are explicitly listed in the investment consultant report.

Tony Napolitano made a motion to approve the 2015 Audited Financial Statement as presented.
The Motion received a second from Jeff Lee and was approved by the Trustees 4-0.

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OTHER BUSINESS

The Trustees acknowledged receiving a copy of the letter from the actuary regarding the Fire District's percent of pay.

The Trustees will address approval of the valuation report at their July meeting.

There being no further business to discuss and with the date for the next regular meeting having been scheduled for July 21, 2016;

• Buddy Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 AM. The Motion received a second from Tony Napolitano and was approved by the Trustees 4-0.

Nate Spera

Respectfully submitted,