

**DAUFUSKIE ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
January 15, 2014**

PRESENT:	CHUCK HENRY TOM DICKINSON MIKE BRYANT GEOF JENKINS	CHAIRMAN VICE CHAIRMAN COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER
ABSENT:	PAT BEICHLER	COMMISSIONER
OTHERS:	EDWARD BOYS GINNY TEERLINK	CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
GUEST:	SAM CABLE	CABLE INSURANCE SERVICES

1. Minutes: Henry opened the meeting at 4:00 PM with a review of the minutes of the November 20, 2013 commissioners' meeting. No one requested changes. The minutes were approved by Dickinson and seconded by Bryant.

2. Citizen Comment Period: No one from the community was present.

3. Financial Report: Boys reviewed the November'13 Financial Report and stated that expenditures versus budget were on track. The Financial Report was approved by Jenkins and seconded by Dickinson.

4. Health Insurance Plan Changes: Cable reviewed applicable highlights of the Affordable Care Act with comparisons to the current DIFD health insurance plan regarding medical costs, deductibles, coinsurance, out-of-pocket costs and pharmacy costs; reviewed the cost efficiency and benefits of the DIFD plan versus the Affordable Care Plan; and reviewed the Reinsurance Fee that would apply to all employees effective January 2014.

5. Annual Awards Dinner: Boys stated that the Annual Awards Dinner was held at Melrose on-the-Beach's Beach Club on December 7, 2013; that Mike Tuten received the Career Firefighter of the Year Award; and that John Tietjen received the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award.

6. DIFD's Involvement in Community Projects/Events: Boys stated that the firefighters assisted in the set-up at the fire station of the Daufuskie Island Elementary School's annual Christmas Play on December 13, 2013; hung in early December and removed last week the

Christmas banners throughout the Historic District; and participated in the annual Christmas Parade on December 7, 2013 in the Historic District. Boys stated that the firefighters had assisted in the capture of a hunting dog that was left behind on the island by recent visiting hunters and that the dog was now in good care pending an upcoming adoption.

7. *The Front Porch* Articles: Boys stated that the Winter-November/December 2013 issue of *The Front Porch* contained two articles relevant to the DIFD: an article written by the DIFD, on ISO's Fire Suppression Rating, what they are and mean to individual home owners and an article on the 100th anniversary of the Little White School House quoting Chief Boys about an 1989 incident involving Mr. Simmons's goat and him.

8. SC State Forestry Commission Grant: Boys stated that the DIFD had received a 50/50 matching grant from the SC State Forestry Commission for the purchase of firefighting equipment (fire hose, equipment, chain saw chaps). Boys stated that the cost of this equipment was approximately \$4,000 and that the grant would pay for one-half or \$2,000.

The commissioners' meeting ended at 5:30 PM. The next commissioners' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 4:00 PM at the fire station.

Respectfully submitted by Ginny Teerlink on January 17, 2014.