

**DAUFUSKIE ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
November 21, 2016**

PRESENT:	CHUCK HENRY GEOF JENKINS PAT BEICHLER GEOF BRUNNING	COMMISSIONER VICE CHAIRMAN COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER
OTHERS:	EDWARD BOYS GINNY TEERLINK	CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
GUESTS:	GARY STEWART LISA WECHSLER	EX OFFICIO NEW COMMISSIONER CROWLEY WECHSLER & ASSOCIATES
ABSENT:	MIKE BRYANT	RESIGNED COMMISSIONER

- 1. Call to Order:** Henry called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.
- 2. Minutes of the September 21, 2016 Commissioners' Meeting:** Henry opened the meeting with a review of the minutes of the September 21, 2016 commissioners' meeting. No one requested changes. The minutes were approved by Brunning and seconded by Beichler.
- 3. Citizens' Comment Period:** No one from the community was present.
- 4. Board of Commissioners' Changes:** Henry reported that Commissioner Bryant had resigned from the Board of Commissioners and moved to North Carolina. Boys reported that Daufuskie Island resident Gary Stewart had filed an application for commissioner with Beaufort County, that Councilman Vaux would recommend Stewart as the new commissioner to County Council, that County Council would review the application and vote on Stewart as the new commissioner, that the DIFD would receive a letter from County Council approving Stewart as commissioner.
- 5. October '16 Financial Report:** Boys reported that spending was in line with budget year-to-date with the exception of 50020 Salaries and Wages which indicated an overspending of \$595 due to mandatory overtime caused by Hurricane Mathew. Boys stated that he hoped the DIFD would receive some compensation from FEMA for the mandatory overtime that was not forecasted in the FY'17 budget. Boys stated that the Emergency Management Director for the state of South Carolina had been charged with coordinating FEMA reimbursements for the unincorporated areas of Beaufort County of which Daufuskie Island is a part.
- 6. Hurricane Matthew Aftermath:** Boys reviewed the DIFD's hurricane re-entry, stated that the DIFD did a good job clearing debris to the Haig Point dock on Hilton Head Island and to the fire station from the Haig Point dock on Daufuskie Island. Boys stated that taking Haig Point's Director of Marine Transportation Richard Ingles and Daufuskie Island Utility Company's Eric

Johanson to the hurricane shelter was very instrumental in the efficient re-entry. Boys stated that the Forestry Commission has dictated all burning be stopped on Daufuskie because of high winds and dry conditions and would not resume conditions improved.

7. FY '16 Audit Presentation: Wechsler reported the financial highlights: the DIFD's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$760,632 (net position) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Of this amount \$43,376 (restricted net assets) represents cash held by Beaufort County for capital and 1% fees. Another \$1,279,374 represents the investment in capital assets less depreciation on those assets. (\$562,118) represents the deficit in unrestricted net position. The net position increased \$17,865 for the year ended June 30, 2016. As of the close of the current fiscal year the DIFD's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$252,332, an increase of \$109,890.

8. DIFD Upcoming Activities & Community Events:

Island Christmas Parade: Boys reported that the firefighters and emergency vehicles would be part of the annual Christmas parade on December 17, 2016.

School Christmas Play: Boys reported that the fire station would be the locale of the elementary school's annual Christmas play on December 15, 2016.

Annual Awards Dinner: Boys reported that the annual awards dinner would be held at the Haig Point Clubhouse's dining room on December 17, 2016 and would be attended by the career and volunteer firefighters, the commissioners and their spouses/guests.

9. Other Commissioner Concerns: Teerlink distributed the 2017 dates for the commissioners' meetings.

10. Next Commissioners' Meeting: The next commissioners' meeting will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2016 concurrent with the Annual Awards Dinner at 6:00 PM at the Haig Point Clubhouse. The first commissioners' meeting of 2017 will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 4:00 PM at the fire station.

11. Adjournment: The meeting concluded at 2:30 PM.