

**TICE FIRE DISTRICT  
9351 WORKMEN WAY  
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33905**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**May 8, 2025**

**1. Call to Order:** Chairperson Cannamela brought the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Tice Fire and Rescue District Station One located at 9351 Workmen Way, Fort Myers, Florida 33905.

**Verification of Quorum:**

Commissioners present:	Tim Barrett	Present
	James Burgess	Present
	T.J. Cannamela	Present
	Carolyn Miller	Present
	Ted Pickering	Present
	Chief Runk	Present
	Rena Smart	Present
	Attorney Pringle	Present

**2. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Chaplain Crump said the prayer and blessing for the department.**

**3. Adopt Agenda:**

Commissioner Pickering made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Miller. Vote: Unanimously for.

**4. Recognitions:**

Chief Runk conducted promotion ceremonies with the promoted employees' families at 5:30 p.m. for the Chief, Michael Runk; Captains, Toby Brashear, John Finn, Courtney Nunn, John Pinder, Michael Wooley, and Daniel Woolley; and Engineers, Chris Gnagey, Tanner Hatch, and Brandon Monahan. The Board congratulated the promoted employees.

**5. Financial Report**

Rena Smart gave the financial report for April 2025. The District received \$260,346.39 in ad Valorem taxes, \$415 in miscellaneous revenues (including fire inspections and CPR classes), \$15,424.88 in interest income, \$684.72 in impact fee interest, 23,225.63 in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter impact fee revenue, \$19.08 in vendor discounts (credit back from Sam Galloway Ford), and \$100 in donations. The total income for the month of April 2025 was \$300,215.70.

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Rena stated that at the end of April 2025, the District had \$80,175.88 in the Synovus checking account, which earns 4 percent in interest and earned \$429.82 in interest, \$231,848.27 in the Synovus impact fee account, which earns 4 percent in interest, and earned \$684.72 in interest, and \$4,505,183.98 in the Synovus money market account, which earns 4 percent in interest and earned \$14,997.06 in interest and compared to the money market in April 2024, the balance was \$4,323,506.01. The total expenses for the month of April 2025 were \$456,295.34.

She stated everything was normal for the month, except the invoices from Lightning Wireless and NFPA. Rena informed the Board that the District had in total funds at the end of April 2025: \$4,817,208.13. She showed a comparison of funds for this year's total funds compared to April 2024, which was \$4,244,436.33 and April 2023, which were \$3,869,246.00. She asked the Board if there were any questions, and the Board stated there were none. The Board reviewed the bills, and Commissioner Cannamela and Commissioner Burgess signed the checks.

**6. Chief's Report**

Chief Runk gave the Chief's report for the month of April 2025:

- \*During the month of April, the District responded to 284 emergency 911 calls.
- \*The new phone line has been installed.
- \*Fiber optic line has been installed and is in the process of being operational.
- \*New Engineers and Captains were promoted on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- \*Hosted the Lee County Arson Task Force bi-monthly meeting.
- \*Painting at Station One is in progress; almost completed.
- \*Hosted a Fire Service Course Design class.
- \*Conducted Live Fire training with all three shifts.

**7. Attorney's Report**

Attorney Pringle stated he has nothing to report other than what is on the agenda.

**8. Union Report**

a) District 8

b) District 26

BC Williams reported for both Unions stating nothing to report.

**9. Public Input on Consent & Business Agenda Items:**

None.

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**10. Consent Agenda Items:**

**a. Approve prior meeting minutes:**

Commissioner Burgess made a motion to approve the prior April 2025 Board meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Pickering. Vote: Unanimously for.

**b. Approve District disbursements and required fiscal action:**

Commissioner Burgess made a motion to approve the consent agenda items for the month of May 2025 and approve District disbursements and required fiscal action, seconded by Commissioner Pickering. Vote: Unanimously for.

**11. Old Business Agenda Items**

**a) LCEMS Interlocal Agreement**

Attorney Pringle stated starting on February 14, 2024, he forwarded correspondence to the County Lands to increase the CAM they pay to the Tice Fire District of approximately 65 percent increase due to the inflation rate, since the original agreement was entered into April 2004. No increase request has been made since 2004. He went over the discussion between Mr. Clemens with the County Lands and him regarding a new interlocal agreement with the termination clause. Attorney Pringle discussed that he has gone back and forth with Mr. Clemens. He stated the County said they will agree to an initial five-year term and three five-year extensions with \$1,000 a month and with a four percent annual inflation adjustment for the balance of the term. The County would not agree to a five-year termination; only a minimum termination of nine years. Mr. Clemens stated they do not agree to the five-year termination and stated to go back to just the increase of the CAM rate discussed on February 14, 2024. The increase would be from \$6,306 per year to \$10,405 per year. Attorney Pringle also stated that Mr. Clemens said to let him know if the District agrees, if so, the County will proceed with this increase. The Board discussed the CAM increase and termination of the agreement in detail with Attorney Pringle. Commissioner Burgess made a motion to have the County increase the CAM from \$6,306 to \$10,405 per year, and after four years, they leave, seconded by Commissioner Miller. Vote: Unanimously for.



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**14. Commissioners Comments:**

**Commissioner Miller:** She congratulated everyone on their promotions and thank you for your service.

**Commissioner Barrett:** He stated very nice ceremony; well done. It was good to see all the families.

**Commissioner Pickering:** He stated job well done.

**Commissioner Burgess:** He suggested looking into a new firefighter oath; it was a very good program.

**Commissioner Cannamala:** He stated everyone is doing a good job.

- a) Adjournment: Commissioner Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Vote: Unanimously for.