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GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 10, 2015**

I. Meeting Opened

Chairman Page called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 5:30 PM on March 10, 2015 at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Chairman Page, Commissioners Boyer, Cottiers, Cross, Gerrity, Hemping, McMahon and Stedman. In attendance, Fire Chief Schuldt, Assistant Chief Sapp, Director Bishop, Division Chief Hanson, Admin Asst. Packard, Exe. Asst. Chesser, Shar Hingson, Dianne McIntyre & family, Andy Krajewski, Chris Rossi & family, Steve Riley & family, Jamie Popiol, George Danz, Pat Meulenberg, Walter Kopka, Neil Van Dyke, Jean Kungle, Jim Burke, Matthew Trent, Trenton Mading, Orly Stolts, Maria Ramos, Ryan Bogan and Sean Hunt. Others were in attendance but did not sign in.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Chairman Page opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation by Commissioner Gerrity.

B. Line of Duty Deaths Reading and Moment of Silence

Chief Schuldt stated that there were a total of 8 FF fatalities for the month of February, bringing the total for 2015 to 14 followed by a moment of silence.

C. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Director Bishop requested the addition of Lt. Inspector Steve Riley's 25 year service award under I. I. Awards and Recognition.

Commissioner Cross and Director Bishop requested the addition of Resolution 2015-07 - Sable Palm real property to II.D. and the Addendum – Sable Palm real property to II. E.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Hemping seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

E. Approval of the Board Minutes for February 3, 2015 - Workshop

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the board minutes for the February 3, 2015 workshop. Commissioner Cottiers seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

F. Approval of the Board Minutes for February 10, 2015 – Regular Meeting

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the board minutes for the February 10, 2015 regular meeting. Commissioner Gerrity seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

G. Approval of the Board Minutes for November 6, 2014 – Regular Meeting

Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve the board minutes for the November 6, 2014 regular meeting. Commissioner McMahon seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

H. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hemping moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Cottiers seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

1. Treasurer Report
2. FCO's Treasurer Report
3. Operations Report – Assistant Chief Sapp

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4. Administration and Finance Report- Deputy Director Bishop
5. Support Services - Deputy Chief Biondo
 - a) Fire and Life Safety Report - Division Chief Hanson
 - b) Fleet Report
 - c) Logistics Report
6. At-A- Boys
 - a) CCPS – Lely Criminal Justice Program Thanks to District
 - b) Reflections Lakes – Todd Nugent and Aaron Cline
 - c) Reflection Lakes – Dianne McIntyre
 - d) FC Pollara Group, LLC – Dianne McIntyre and Steve Riley

I. Awards and Recognition

1. Toy Drive Recognition
Division Chief Hanson and Chief Schuldt, presented certificates to individuals and businesses for their participation in the District's Annual Toy Drive Command.
2. 25 Year Service Award – Lieutenant Inspector Steve Riley
Chief Schuldt and Division Chief Hanson presented a plaque to Lt. Inspector Steve Riley for his 25 years of service.
3. Employees of the Year
 - a) Firefighter of the Year: Battalion Chief Andy Krajewski
Chief Schuldt and Asst. Chief Sapp and Lt. Matthew Trent presented the Firefighter of the Year award to Battalion Chief Andy Krajewski.
 - b) Civilian Employee of the Year: Admin. Asst. Dianne McIntyre
Chief Schuldt and Asst. Chief Sapp and Lt. Matthew Trent presented the Civilian Employee of the Year award to Admin. Asst. Dianne McIntyre.
 - c) Fire Chief's Values Award: Driver/Engineer Chris Rossi
Chief Schuldt and Asst. Chief Sapp and Lt. Matthew Trent presented the Fire Chief's Values award to Driver/Engineer Chris Rossi.

In addition, Chief Schuldt, Asst. Chief Sapp and Lt. Matthew Trent recognized Fleet Supervisor Jamie Popiol, Admin. Asst. Michele Packard, Firefighter David Perez, Driver/Engineer Daniel Sawyer, Lt. Inspector John Bigica, and Accountant Charlotte Johnson for being nominated for Employee of the Year.

J. Fire Administration - Chief Schuldt

1. Fire Chief's Board Update
Chief Schuldt highlighted the following:
 - The Isles of Capri and District One legislation passed through the first committee hearing this morning. These bills are now headed for the Finance and Tax Committee and scheduled to be heard next Thursday, March 19, 2015. Representative Passidomo, the bill's sponsor, was appreciative of the Chief's attendance; it was very

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favorable to have the Chief in attendance to testify and to field any questions about the bills.

- There will be a strategic planning session held on March 31, 2015. Fourteen members of the organization and/or community will be on this committee. The plan is to have a draft document prepared by April with the final plan coming before the Board in May for adoption. There was discussion on having more than one commissioner on the committee but then the sessions would then become public meetings and would have to be noticed. That is not the setting wanted for strategic planning so an invite was given to the Chairman in order for the BOFC to have a voice in the strategic planning process.
- Three firefighters have resigned. Those positions have been filled with part time positions. Management will be working with the Local to secure more part time firefighter positions. Deputy Chief Biondo and Battalion Chief Dean Anderson have announced their retirements. Jamie Popiol has been promoted to Fleet Supervisor. The District is advertising for a Fleet Technician to replace a Fleet Technician that recently resigned. An additional part time and full time inspector have been hired as well as a receptionist. All positions are within the currently approved budget.
- In speaking with Chief Kopka today, two more ALS units will be placed in service within the District in the next week or two. Station 73 will have a Collier County medic which will run 24/7; that will allow for a firefighter to ride in the swap program at Station 70. The goal is to get Station 72 up and running following Stations 70 and 73.

Chairman Page wanted to know how many ALS engines were in the south division. Chief Schuldt stated that Engine 23 and Engine 22 are running 24/7 and Engine 21 is running as staffing allows, around 40% of the time. Chairman Page wanted to know if Engine 20 could become an ALS unit since there seems to be quite a few paramedics there. The Chief said that Engine 20 could become an ALS engine; all of the District's apparatus have licensing capability. The Chief does not want to overwhelm the system or the paramedics. The Chief went on to say that he wants a successful program; he would rather have 5 units up all of the time instead of 7 units up part of the time. The ultimate goal is to have all 10 stations up and running.

- The District received a letter from Chief Stolts at North Collier Fire requesting the sunset of the interlocal agreement between the Districts for fleet services. Chief Schuldt reached out to Chief Stolts and told him that even though the agreement has ended, GNFD would be there if NCFD ever needed anything. Chief Stolts agreed to also have NCFD available should GNFD ever need something.
- There has been 5-6 division meetings held to keep the members updated on the transition of the new organization.
- The Chief will be attending several District and FFCA events during the month of March.
- Chief Schuldt, along with Dr. Lynch, has been invited to Atlanta in August to speak on the merger at the International Association of Fire Chief's Convention.

K. Chapter 175 Firefighter's Pension Plan – Chairman Arroyo
Nothing significant to report.

L. Local 2396 Report – President Trenton Mading
President Trenton Mading reported:

- The Spring Fling for the Romp in the Swamp Fishing Tournament was held raising \$2100.00 for local charities.

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- Negotiations were held this morning with the first 8 articles being TA'd; moving towards a single contract.

Chief Schuldt stated his appreciation for the professional environment and hard work shown from President Mading and union members during this negotiation process.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Merger Meetings – Commissioner Hemping

Commissioner Hemping stated that the name of the community wide team has been renamed to Emergency Services Task Force. The meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 9:00 AM at GNFD Administrative Headquarters. The next meeting will be held March 19th. At the last task force meeting, an update was provided from the four organizations that merged into two from the 2014 election. There is still work to be done with these districts and the team continues to learn from participating in these meetings.

Chairman Page stated that he provided a copy of the letter he received from Immokalee Fire Commissioner Goodnight accusing unprofessionalism in the task force meetings to all the Commissioners. Commissioner Gerrity received the exact same letter. Chairman Page has requested a CD recording from the past two meetings and will send the recording to Commissioner Goodnight so she can listen to the conversations from the meeting herself. Chairman Page offered to provide a copy of the letter to anyone that would want it.

Commissioner Hemping added that these meetings are open and advertised for anyone that has an interest to attend. Immokalee Fire has stated that there is no interest in merging but that could change in the future.

Commissioner Gerrity informed the Board that North Collier Fire District is looking at some contractors to come in and help collect data that is accepted by most fire divisions. It was brought to the attention of the task force to take the steps early on to get with North Collier on this endeavor so everyone is collecting the same type of data in the same manner. Commissioner Gerrity recommended that Greater Naples Fire send a letter to request an opportunity to participate in the project so that the two major districts in the County would be collecting data the same way.

Chairman Page thought a countywide standard through the County's Fire Chief's would be the avenue for follow through on this. Chief Schuldt and Chief Kopka agreed. Chief Stolts added that this topic is on the next Collier County Fire Chief's agenda. Chief Schuldt requested clarification on whether to support moving forward on this project after discussion at the next Chief's meeting. Chairman Page supports moving forward as long as there is acceptance of the 1710 standards and things like that.

B. Fire Code Office – Chief Schuldt

Commissioner Cross updated the Board saying that the attorney will have the fire code assets and the trust will be ready for the April board meeting. North Collier Fire Commissioner Jim Burke took back the comments made by Commissioner Cross at the last meeting and they are more relaxed about everything now.

Deputy Director Bishop stated that staff has gotten the condition of the 6 Fire Code vehicles as requested by the Board; a 2005 Ford Explorer Sport Trac Truck, 2005 Ford Explorer, 2006 Honda Civic, 2007 Honda Civic and two 2009 Honda Civics. The listing includes the condition, miles and a minimum bid for each vehicle to advertise out to those districts in the Fire Code.

Deputy Director Bishop read into the record the information, as recommended by

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the Fleet Supervisor, on each vehicle; 2005 Ford Explorer, 88712 miles, in good condition, with a minimum bid of \$2000, the A/C does not blow air and the roof shows signs of rust, 2005 Ford Explorer 4x2 Sport Trac, 79,166 miles, in poor condition, with a minimum bid of \$3500 and the cruise control does not work, 2006 Honda Civic, 91,593 miles, in good condition, with a minimum bid of \$3500, 2007 Honda Civic, 84,386 miles, in poor condition, with a minimum bid of \$2500 and needs a new power steering rack, 2009 Honda Civic, 54,229 miles, in good condition, with a minimum bid of \$6000 and the other Honda Civic, 44,623 miles, in good condition, with a minimum bid of \$7000. All vehicles need tires, brakes and a complete service with the exception of the 2005 Ford Explorer which only needs tires and a complete service.

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the Fleet Supervisor's recommendation for the minimum bids on the Fire Code vehicles as read into the record and move forward with the advertising to the fire districts in the Fire Code first and then open it up to the public if all of the vehicles are not sold. Commissioner Gerrity seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner McMahon stated that he thought some of the values were high. Motion passed 8-0.

Commissioner Stedman could not comprehend Honda vehicles under 80,000 miles being in poor condition. Fleet Supervisor Popiol responded by stating that some of the vehicles were taken better care of than others and some had been sitting out and not driven for a long time.

C. Legislative Update – Deputy Director Bishop

This item was discussed during the Fire Chief's report.

D. Resolution 2015-07 – Sable Palm Real Property

Commissioner Cross reported that during the extension under the due diligence period, there were pottery shreds and other artifacts found on the District property which will require a Phase III Archaeological Survey at an estimated cost of \$70,000. Waterman has already spent an unexpected \$20,000 for a Phase I and Phase II Archaeological Survey. Waterman asked to split the \$70,000 cost with the District. Commissioner Cross thought he could get the Board to pay \$20,000 to offset the \$70,000. In addition, there are three vehicles, a lawn mower and other junk items found that need removal. Waterman quoted a cleanup cost in the amount of \$7000 - \$8000. Commissioner Cross recommended to the Board that he thought the District could get these items removed for a lower cost. The cleanup needs to be completed before the closing on April 10th. Commissioner Cross presented Resolution 2015-07 which recites the terms, recites the history of this transaction and authorizes Commissioner Cross to sign the addendum that amends the contract to reflect the new terms and authorizes Commissioner Cross to sign the closing documents to transfer title.

Commissioner Hemping moved to approved Resolution 2015-07 and the Addendum. Commissioner Gerrity seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner Boyer recommended getting some dumpsters and hiring some day laborers to do the clean up. Commissioner McMahon disagrees with the trading of properties with different values. Commissioner Cross reminded the Board by stating that both properties have the same value. Motion passed 7-1, with Commissioner McMahon opposed.

E. Addendum to Sable Palm Real Property Contract – Commissioner Cross

Motion passed under II.D.

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III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. AIW – Resolution 2015-04 – 175 Pension Plan Name Change Director Bishop**
Deputy Director Bishop presented Resolution 2014 – 04, Greater Naples Fire Rescue District resolution providing for a name change; by changing the name of the East Naples Fire Control and Rescue District Firefighters’ Pension Plan to reflect the new identity and boundaries of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District and providing for an effective date. A letter of no impact from the Actuary is attached to all of the resolutions.
Commissioner Cross moved to accept staff’s recommendation for the adoption of changing the name for the 175 pension. Commissioner Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.
- B. AIW – Resolution 2015- 05 175 Pension Plan Levy Insurance Premium Tax – Deputy Director Bishop**
Deputy Director Bishop presented Resolution 2015-05, a resolution of the Greater Naples Fire District, Collier County, Florida, levying and imposing upon all insurers, now or hereafter engaging in or carrying on the business of property insurance, an excise tax in addition to any tax now levied, of 1.85% of the gross amount of receipts of all premiums collected on property within the legally defined boundaries of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District providing when said tax shall be due and payable, providing for repeal of conflicting resolutions; and providing for severability.
Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve staff’s recommendation to approve Resolution 2015-05. Commissioner Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.
- C. AIW – Resolution 2015 – 06 175 Pension Plan Mandatory IRS Modifications – Deputy Director Bishop**
Director Bishop presented Resolution 2015-06, a resolution of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District, Collier County, Florida, amending the former East Naples Firefighters’ Pension Plan now known as the Greater Naples Fire Control District Firefighters’ Pension Plan by providing for compliance with the Internal Revenue Code, providing for repeal of conflicting resolutions; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.
Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve staff’s recommendation and approve Resolution 2015-06. Commissioner Cottiers seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.
- D. Collier County Fire Service Request – Chief Schuldt**
Chief Schuldt informed the Board that a correspondence from Collier County was received seeking a best value proposal for local dependent and independent fire districts with the provision of fire rescue services in areas of Collier County which are not currently included in an independent fire district, i.e. District One, Ochopee, Isles of Capri, and Goodland. In essence, this is an RFP to allow the districts, in several variations, to bid to provide services to any or all of those areas. The proposal due date is April 16, 2015. The County is anticipating awarding a contract on or about July 14, 2015. Chairman Page thought it would be in the best interest of the District to have the Chief and whatever resources he needs to put together independent proposals.
Commissioner Cross made a motion to support the Chief responding to the County’s request for proposal and to authorize the Chief to draft a financially and overall beneficial proposal that will benefit Greater Naples and authorize the Chief to engage with a consulting company to put this professional bid package together.
Commissioner Hemping seconded the motion. There was some discussion on whether

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a consulting firm needed to be brought in or not. The decision was to let the Chief decide if the District will use a consultant. Motion passed 8-0.

E. Public Comment

Mike Ramsey reported that the next bridge meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17th at 5:00 PM in the Board of Collier County Commissioner's Chambers.

F. Topic Initiated by the Board of Fire Commissioners

None

G. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Gerrity stated that he attended the fundraiser for the Freedom Memorial where over \$500,000 was raised. It was great to see a community come together in support of the event.

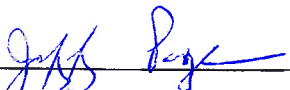
IV. SIGNATURE OF BOARD APPROVED ITEMS

1. Board Minutes for February 3, 2015 - Workshop
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3. Board Minutes for November 6, 2014 -- Regular Meeting
4. Resolution 2015 - 04: 175 Pension Plan Name Change
5. Resolution 2015 - 05: 175 Pension Plan Levy Insurance Premium Tax
6. Resolution 2015 - 06: 175 Pension Plan Mandatory IRS Modifications
7. Resolution 2015 - 07 and Addendum: Sable Palm Real Property

V. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner McMahon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 PM. Commissioner Gerrity seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Duly passed with a vote of 8 to 0 and adopted in session on the 14th of April 2015.



Chairman Jeff Page




Commissioner Rob Boyer



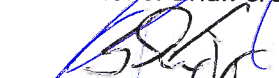
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Commissioner Brian Cross




Chairman Kevin Gerrity



Commissioner Steve Heping



Chairman Chuck McMahon



Commissioner David Stedman