

MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 12, 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 May 12, 2015 at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Chairman Page, Commissioners Boyer, Cottiers, Gerrity, Hemping, McMahon and Stedman. Commissioner Cross arrived late. Executive staff in attendance: Assistant Chief Sapp, Deputy Chief Biondo and Deputy Director Bishop. Staff in attendance: Michele Packard, Nicole Chesser, Deputy Fire Marshal Hingson, Trenton Mading, Eloy Ricardo Jamie Popiol, Mike Lowe and family, Thomas King and Jay Strickler. Members of the public included; George Danz, Jim Burke, Jean Kungle, Tom Ellis and Nathan Phillips. 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 Biondo, in Chief Schuldt's absence, reported that there were a total of 6 FF fatalities for the month of April, bringing the total for 2015 to 28 followed by a moment of silence.

C. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Director Bishop requested the addition of the FCO Post Employment Trust under II. Old Business, B. Fire Code Office, 1.

Director Bishop also requested the addition of Resolution 2015-07 under II. Old Business, B. Fire Code Office, 2.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Boyer moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Hemping seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

E. Approval of the GNFD Board Minutes for April 14, 2015

Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve the board minutes for the April 14, 2015 regular meeting. Cottiers seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

F. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hemping moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

1. Treasurer Report
2. FCO's Treasurer Report
3. Operations Report – Assistant Chief Sapp
4. Administration and Finance Report- Deputy Director Bishop
5. Support Services Report - Deputy Chief Biondo
 - a) Fire and Life Safety Report - Division Chief Hanson
 - b) Fleet Report
 - c) Logistics Report
6. At-A-Boys
 - a) Know Your Community Government Program Thank You
BC Andy Krajewski
 - b) Grace Place for Children & Families Thank You
LT Jesus Padilla, DE Justin Beasley, FF Jordan Sauerwald,
LT Brian Heath, FF Steven Perez, FF David Borowski,
LT Scott Wilson, DE John Ellis, FF Daniel Garretto,
DE Scott MacQuarrie, BC Andy Krajewski, BC Corey Nelson,
AA Susan Morris

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G. Awards and Recognition:

1. 10 Year Service Award – Firefighters Albert Anzualda and Manny Morales, Driver Engineer Scott MacQuarrie
Not in attendance.
2. 20 Year Service Award – Lieutenant Mike Lowe
Lt. Mike Lowe was recognized for his 20 years of service to the District and presented a plaque from Asst. Chief Sapp along with Deputy Chief Biondo.
3. Introductions of New Mechanics – Thomas King and Jay Strickler
Asst. Chief Sapp, along with Deputy Chief Biondo, introduced the two new mechanics to the BOFC.

H. Fire Administration - Chief Schuldt

1. Fire Chief's Board Update
Asst. Chief Sapp reported, in Chief Schuldt's absence, the following:
 - Chief Schuldt is currently in Quincy, MA attending the NFPA Fire Sprinkler Summit.
 - The Strategic Plan was presented to the BOFC.

Commissioner Cross arrived.

I. 2014 GGFD Audit Presentation – Deputy Director Bishop

Deputy Director Bishop introduced Nathan Phillips with Phillips Harvey Group, P.A. who presented the 2014 GGFD Audit. Fiscal expectations were met for 2013-2014 and there were no issues with the audit. Commissioner Boyer asked Mr. Phillips how much money had been saved with the merger. Mr. Phillips responded that he did not have that information as that was not requested as part of the audit. Director Bishop added that the audit does not show savings; only that the accounting is performed in compliance with guidelines. Savings are captured in the budgeting process. *Commissioner Cross moved to accept the 2013-2014 Audit Report as submitted. Commissioner Cottiers seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.*

J. Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan – Chairman Arroyo

Deputy Director stated that the quarterly meeting was held last Friday, May 8, 2015 with new Trustee Thomas Cooper seated as Trustee, Seat 2.

K. Local 2396 Report

District President Mading reported on the following:

- Continuing to work on the PEHP, waiting on the actuarial and cost.
- Work continues with management on the CBA; 38 of the 63 articles complete and there will a negotiations session on Friday, 5/15 to discuss the financials which hopefully will be completed.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Emergency Services Task Force Meeting- Commissioner Hemping

Commissioner Hemping reported that the next task force meeting will held on Thursday, May 21st. He went on to say that the meetings are well attended with approximately 30 people at each meeting. Although there has been no consensus on the mission, the meetings remain productive. Chairman Page stated that Commissioner Henning intends on attending. Commissioner Stedman stated that he had been told these meetings seemed to resemble the Steering Committee meetings that had been held in the past. Commissioner Hemping responded saying that these meetings are moving in a more positive direction.

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B. Fire Code Office - Deputy Director Bishop

Deputy Director Bishop presented a letter received from Immokalee Fire stating that Immokalee Fire is terminating the interlocal agreement that was entered into back in 2003 which named the former East Naples Fire Control & Rescue District, now the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District the administrative district for the Collier County Fire Code Official's Office. Immokalee Fire is terminating the agreement due to what they say are numerous breaches of the agreement both in the letter and spirit of the agreement. The termination will become effective 45 days after the receipt of the written notice. Chairman Page recommended that the District no longer provide services to Immokalee. After considerable discussion, the Board recommended staff respond with a letter to the Immokalee Fire District.

1. FCO Post Employment Benefit Trust – Deputy Director Bishop

Director Bishop presented draft 3 of the Post Employment Benefit Trust and stated that the other districts all had the opportunity to review the document and to provide comments. No comments were received.

Commissioner Cross moved to approve draft 3 of the FCO Post Employment Benefit Trust.

Commissioner Stedman seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Commissioner Cross moved to appoint Deputy Director Tara Bishop as the trustee for the trust.

Commissioner Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

2. Resolution 2015-07- Deputy Director Bishop

Director Bishop presented Resolution 2015-07 for the dissolution of the FCO Office. In addition it was noted that the percentages due from the County had not been received. Chairman Page informed the Board that he would be reaching out to senior officials at the County to make sure these percentages are received. North Collier Fire Marshal Eloy Ricardo addressed the Board stating that the County would have the data available tomorrow, 5/13 at 2:00 PM and that he and GNFD Fire Marshal Shawn Hanson would be meeting at that time with the County to review all the figures and percentages. The next discussion revolved around the amount of money that GNFD would transfer into the FCO account in order to buy the building. The fair market value from the appraisal came in a \$2.1 million. There was a question about whether the assets inside the building were included in the appraisal. Deputy Director Bishop responded by saying that the \$2.1 million was just the appraisal for the building and land. She went on to say that the book value of the personal property assets came to \$11,552.00.

Commissioner Gerrity stated that he thought it would be a good idea to place the FCO funds into escrow in case there was a need to use them for any legal issues that might arise, i.e. the letter from Immokalee Fire.

Commissioner McMahon spoke out against approving the resolution stating that it would be best to wait until all the information needed is received.

Commissioner Cross moved to approve the 2015-07 Resolution with the caveat being that the amount paid for the building include the \$11,552.00 and place funds in escrow pending any possible litigation from the other districts and strike items 5, 6 and 7 for now but bring back for future discussion at a public meeting. Commissioner Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-1 with Commissioner McMahon opposed.

C. Legislative Update- Director Bishop

Director Bishop reported that both bills; 859 and 861 have both passed through the House and Senate and are awaiting signature from the Governor.

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III. NEW BUSINESS

A. AIW- Vendor Selection for Uniforms – Deputy Director Bishop

Deputy Director Bishop presented the AIW for the selection of the uniform vendor.

Commissioner Gerrity moved to support staff's recommendation thereby authorizing staff to review and award the selection of the uniform vendors. Commissioner Stedman seconded the motion.

Motion passed 8-0.

B. AIW – Disposition of Fixed Assets #15-004 – Deputy Chief Biondo

Deputy Chief Biondo presented the Disposition of Fixed Assets #15-004 for the disposition of a few obsolete RIT kits and a Drager bottle.

Commissioner Gerrity move to support staff's recommendation for the disposition of the obsolete 5 RIT kits and the 1 bottle listed on Disposition of Fixed Assets #15-004. Commissioner Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

C. AIW- New Equipment for Ladder 21 – Assistant Chief Sapp

Assistant Chief Sapp presented the AIW – New Equipment for Ladder 21. He explained that the District is expecting the delivery of this new piece of apparatus which will be known as LA21 within the next two months. To prepare for this delivery and to make certain the truck can be placed in service upon delivery, some necessary equipment purchases will need to be made.

Chairman Page questioned why the pre-paint was not viewed since he thought this was the time that the welds could be viewed on the truck. Asst. Chief Sapp stated that it was the time to see the welds but it was forgotten about. Commissioner Cross recommended an extended warranty since the truck was not viewed pre-paint.

There was discussion among the Board members whether an additional ladder truck was necessary. Asst. Chief Sapp responded stating that it was and that ISO wants more and the District will only have 2. Commissioner Stedman asked when this purchase was approved to which Asst. Chief Sapp responded that the truck was approved approximately 7 months ago. He continued to say that he was inclined to vote against this but it was too late.

Commissioner McMahon moved to approve staff's recommendation and release \$70,000 from the Impact Fund Budget and utilize the remainder from the General Fund Budget – Capital Equipment line item and order the required equipment for the new Ladder Truck totaling \$18,811. Commissioner Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-1, with Commissioner Gerrity opposed.

D. Public Comment

Asst. Chief Sapp reported that there were multiple wildfires over the past weekend. On Saturday, a fire was started by a campfire which burned 750 acres and sent 2 firefighters to the hospital. Both firefighters have returned to work. Fourteen homes were saved during this fire. On Sunday, there were a couple more brush fires and the Strike Team was sent to North Port. It was a very busy weekend.

E. Topics Initiated by the Board of Fire Commissioners

1. Commissioner Hensing gave credit to all who developed and completed the Strategic Plan for the District. He also stated that the Strategic Plan will help with apparatus purchases in the future.
2. Chairman Page informed the Board that he will be attending the next Isles of Capri Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 14th.
3. Commissioner Boyer inquired about the Fire Services Proposal to the County. Chairman Page informed Commissioner Boyer and the Board that there were only two proposals submitted; Ochopee Fire and GNFD. The County will be scheduling a workshop in June for review.

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F. Commissioner Comments

1. Commissioner McMahon thanked all the firefighters for their hard work this past weekend; they all did an excellent job, it was brutal. He also mentioned that there have been improvements over the years with the ability to pump out of the canal.

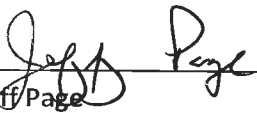
IV. SIGNATURE OF BOARD APPROVED ITEMS

1. Board Minutes for April 14, 2015 – Regular Meeting
2. FCO Post Employment Benefit Trust
3. Resolution 2015-07 – Dissolution of the FCO Office
4. Disposition of Fixed Assets # 15-004

V. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cross moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM. Commissioner Stedman seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

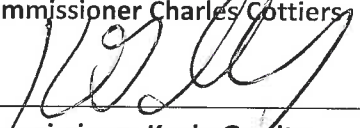
Duly passed with a vote of 7 to 1 and adopted in session on the 9th of June 2015.



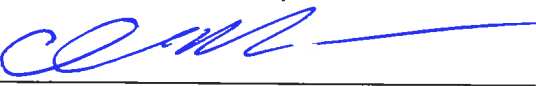
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Commissioner Charles Cottiers



Commissioner Kevin Gerrity



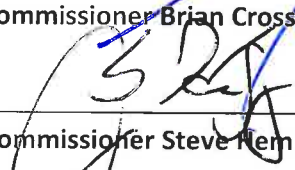
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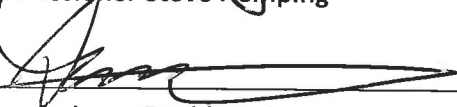
Commissioner Rob Boyer



Commissioner Brian Cross



Commissioner Steve Kemping



Commissioner David Stedman