

MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 14, 2017

MEETING OPENED

Chairman Page called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 5:32 p.m. on March 14, 2017 at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Chairman Page, Commissioners Cottiers, Gerrity, Stedman, Hemping and Boyer. Commissioner Henning arrived at 6:25 pm. Executive staff in attendance: Chief Schuldt, Deputy Chief Hanson, Chief Hingson, Deputy Directors Bishop and Martin. Staff in attendance: Suanne Woeste, Trenton Mading, Chris Tobin, Charlie Heweker, Jarett Cotter, Tony McGee and John Taylor. Members of the public included: Jean Kungle, 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 reported there were a total 11 of Firefighter fatalities for the month of January bringing the total for 2017 to 16, followed by a moment of silence.

C. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Director Bishop noted the following additions:

F.7. At-A-Boy b. Florida Red Interagency Incident Management Team

III. New Business B. Draft (2) Resolution 2017-04

III. New Business C. Draft (2) Impact Fee Collection Interlocal Agreement with Collier County

III. New Business G. Replacement for Page 80

III. New Business H. Article 64 MERT Team

D. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Hemping moved to accept the agenda as amended Director Bishop. Commissioner Stedman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. (Commissioner Henning Absent)

E. Approval of the GNFD Board Minutes for February 14, 2017

Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve the board minutes for the February 14, 2017 regular BOFC meeting. Commissioner Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. (Commissioner Henning Absent)

F. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Boyer seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. (Commissioner Henning Absent)

1. Treasurer's Report

2. Operations Section Report – Assistant Chief Sapp

3. Administration and Finance Section Report – Deputy Director Bishop

4. Planning Section Report – Deputy Chief Martin

5. Logistics Section Report

a. Deputy Chief Low

b. Deputy Chief McLaughlin

6. Investigation Section Report – Deputy Chief Hanson

7. At-A-Boys and Thank You Notes

a. EMS Customer Satisfaction Survey

G. Awards and Recognition:

Chief Schuldt congratulated Tony McGee on his promotion to Lieutenant and Dolores Perez on her promotion to Driver Engineer. Chief Schuldt also presented Lieutenant Taylor a challenge coin for his work helping Boat 90 become a success.

H. Fire Administration – Chief Schuldt

Chief Schuldt reported on the following:

- Mentioned the skeleton staff at today's meeting; Command Staff not essential to tonight's meeting were given the evening off due to working double time for the past nine days on the brush fire.

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- Target date for opening Station 76 is April 1st, preparations of staffing, vehicle, and facilities are underway in coordination with Collier County EMS.
- Fourteen new firefighters and a new Administrative Assistant at Fire & Life Safety started this Month.
- Chief Schuldt thanked everyone who attended the Second Annual Awards & Recognition Ceremony. There was a great turn out and the entire event was conducted with 100% donations from District business partners and private citizens. Deputy Director Martin and staff did a great job putting everything together.
- In regards to Facilities, work continues on several projects, the infrastructure needs to be address all throughout the District.
- Alternative squad staffing numbers continue to improve or maintain. Engine 60 we are at 89% and working on the others best to our ability.
- *Commissioner Hemping asked about our Blue Zone efforts and stated how important he feels it is for us to be a Blue Zone District.* Chief Schuldt stated how well the Blue Zone training was received by GNFD employees. There will be a Ribbon Cutting in April.
- Chief Schuldt presented raw footage of the fire in the Picayune Strand State Forest that started Sunday, March 5th at 2:00pm. It is estimated that 7,500 acres have been burned, the cause of the fire is under investigation. As of today the fire is 90% out. Four structures were lost but 1,700 homes were protected with about 950 saved. Preliminary numbers show Florida Forest Fire Service had about 125 personnel fighting fires in the woods knocking down trees and digging lines. GNFD's Firefighters worked the infrastructure actively fighting to save many homes from fire. Outside of GNFD's Firefighters there were roughly 27 other Firefighter Agencies, 10 Government Agencies, 3 Law Enforcement Agencies and 5 other Agencies similar to the Red Cross. This is the largest brush fire in about 15 years.
- Unfortunately this is not a declared event and our costs for the last week are in excess of \$100,000.00. This was a Florida Forestry "Event" and under their jurisdiction, the threshold (set by state legislature) needs to be costs over 1.8 million to be declared a State Emergency. Without out a State of Emergency declared, costs incurred are not reimbursable and salaried staff is not eligible for any additional pay.
- *Chairman Page suggested looking at County language for "Event" pay because County staff receives "OT" (straight time) in situations like this. Chairman Page suggested looking at our policy. Talk among the Commissioners continued on how great a job GNFD did protecting so many houses with no major injuries; we are all very proud of our Firefighters and Staff.*

I. Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan – Chairman Arroyo

Pension Plan did perform better than assumption at 9.34% and overall funded ratio is 116%. Next quarterly Board of Trustees Meeting is May 12, 2017 - 9:00 am at GNFD Administrative Headquarters

J. Local 2396 Report – Trenton Mading

President Trenton Mading noted the following:

Ratification of Article 64 MERT earlier today – Chief Schuldt & Lt. Taylor will talk more about later. North Collier Local's President attended the last Union meeting to answer questions; should have an update on the merger in the next couple of months.

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II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Emergency Services Task Force Meeting – Commissioner Hemping

Commissioner Hemping reported next meeting is March 16, 2017 at GNFD Headquarters @ 9:00 am. Discussions going on now are what things we need to do to make recommendations to the different Boards of our Fire Districts in the County relative to further mergers or collaborative efforts across the Fire Districts.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ratification of Resolution 2017-03 Lee Williams Brush Fire State of Emergency – Deputy Director Bishop

Motion to ratify Resolution 2017-03 made by Commissioner Gerrity. Seconded by Commissioner Boyer. Motion Passed 6-0.

B. Resolution 2017-04 Impact Fee – Deputy Director Bishop

Commissioner Stedman made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-04. Seconded by Commissioner Cottiers. Motion Passed 6-0.

C. Impact Fee Collection Interlocal Agreement with Collier County - Deputy Director Bishop

Motion to approve Impact Fee Collection Interlocal Agreement with Collier County offered by Commissioner Stedman, seconded by Commissioner Gerrity. Motion Passed 6-0.

D. Disposition of Fixed Assets 2017-004 –Director Bishop

Commissioner Gerrity made a motion to approve Disposition of Fixed Assets 2017-04. Seconded by Commissioner Cottiers. Motion passed 6-0.

E. AIW – Station 20 Generator Bid Recommendation – Deputy Chief McLaughlin

Commissioner Gerrity questioned why we are accepting a bid \$25,000 over the low bid. Director Bishop responded that the low bid did not meet regulations and quote to specific requests. *Commissioner Hemping made a motion to approve bid from Community Electric for \$84,590.00. Seconded by Commissioner Boyer. Motion passed 6-1(Gerrity).*

F. Staffing Allocation Update – Chief Schuldt

Chief Schuldt presented staffing number in response to request at last Board meeting. Before becoming Greater Naples Fire Rescue District - East Naples, Golden Gate, Isles of Capris and Ochopee had a total of 14 day Chiefs to date GNFD has 7
Total employees pre-merger 180; GNFD 204
Administrative staff pre-merger 13; GNFD 11
Fleet mechanics pre-merger 5; GNFD 4 (currently staffing 3)
PIO pre-merger 2; GNFD 0
Support vehicles pre-merger 50; GNFD 35.
Commissioner Hemping stated it is very important to have a PIO to represent our District.

G. Budget Summary - Deputy Director Bishop

Director Bishop presented the figures showing the category % breakdown to total FY 16-17 Budgeted Income and Expenses. *Commissioner Stedman would like to see how the %s compare to FY 15-16.*

H. Marine Emergency Response Team Article Ratification (tentative) – Chief Schuldt

Commissioner Gerrity made a motion to approve the Marine Emergency Response Team Article 64, second by Commissioner Cottiers. Motion passed 7-0.

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I. Topics Initiated by the Board of Fire Commissioners

- Chairman Page asked Chief Schuldt to bring information back to the Board in regards to compensation for staff members during a declared Emergency Resolution by the District Chairman.
- Commissioner Gerrity stated legislature is considering raising the Homestead exemption limit from \$50,000 to \$70,000 which could be a huge hit for this department.
- Commissioner Henning mentioned the budgeting process, stating that things should be recommended by the Board prior to budget development.
- Commissioner Hemping reminded the Board we had committed to doing a total compensation and benefit survey using FGCU- are we still committed to doing this process? Yes was the answer. Commissioner Hemping is also going to bring up at next ESTF meeting. Commissioner Stedman would like to see if we could get a second opinion not only have a single source.

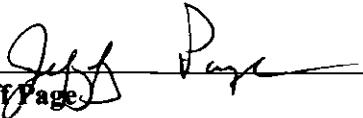
J. Public Comments

IV. SIGNATURE OF BOARD APPROVED ITEMS

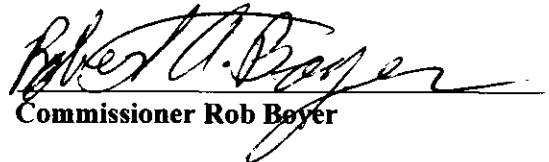
V. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Boyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Commissioner Stedman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Duly passed with a vote of 7 to 0 and adopted in session on the 14th day of March.



Chairman Jeff Page



Commissioner Rob Boyer



Commissioner Charles Cottiers

Commissioner Brian Cross



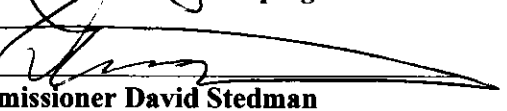
Commissioner Kevin Gerrity



Commissioner Steve Hemping



Commissioner Tom Henning



Commissioner David Stedman