



**MINUTES**  
**GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**September 13, 2017**

**MEETING OPENED**

Chairman Page called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 5:45 pm., on September 13, 2017 at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Chairman Page, Commissioners Cottiers, Gerrity, Stedman and Henning. Commissioner Boyer attended via phone. Executive staff in attendance: Fire Chief Schuldts and Deputy Director Bishop. Staff in attendance: Suanne Woeste

**A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Chairman Page opened the meeting.

**B. Line of Duty Deaths Reading and Moment of Silence**

Postponed until next BOFC meeting.

**C. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**

Director Bishop asked that Agenda Item H. be postponed, Agenda Items J & K be skipped as no documents have been submitted, II. Old Business Items A, B, C, and D be postponed until October's BOFC meeting as well as III. New Business Item D.

Commissioner Gerrity requested III. New Business Item C. also be postponed until October's meeting, but was advised that is not possible because Item C. is time sensitive and action needs to be taken before next meeting.

**D. Approval of the Agenda**

Commissioner Henning moved to accept the agenda as amended. Commissioner Stedman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**E. Approval of the GNFD Board Minutes for August 8, 2017**

Commissioner Henning moved to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Cottiers seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**F. Approval of the GNFD Budget Workshop Minutes for August 8, 2017**

Commissioner Henning moved to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Cottiers seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**G. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Henning moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Cottiers seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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
  - a) Enchanting Shores – Thank You
  - b) James Kehoe ( Retired Fire Commissioner – Chicago) – Thank You  
DE Schilling, FF Hamilton and FF/PM Jimenez

**G. Awards and Recognition**

Postponed until October's BOFC meeting.

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**H. Fire Administration – Chief Schuldt**

Chief Schuldt reported on the following:

- GNFD started prepping for hurricane Irma a week before it was to arrive. Fuel and food supplies were ordered and deployment strategies were put in place. Even with the fuel shortage we never ran out of fuel and had enough food for 100 people to have 3 meals a day. Deployment strategies were worked on and discussed all week in the morning and afternoon staff meetings. Saturday before the storm, up staffing began and approximately 11 additional fire apparatus were brought in.
- Fire & Life Safety and GNFD Headquarters were opened Saturday afternoon to employees and their families, 50 people registered with a turnout of about 25. Later employees at F&LS had to be evacuated because of possible flooding due to the storm surge.
- Sunday night after the storm, firefighters hit the streets to assess damage and later to help clear as many main streets as possible. Monday morning crews were sent to high exposure areas, mobile home parks and known flooding areas. As a result of the night operations, GNFD was able to cover a major part of the District by Monday evening. Up staffing continued through Tuesday and was back to normal staffing Wednesday.
- Many GNFD stations reported some type of damage and a few with major damage. Station 60 is possibly a total loss due to being hit by 4 foot storm surge. Station 90 lost its roof and has water damage and Fleet lost bay doors. Two firefighter and their families lost their homes. We are working with the Union to come up with a plan on how to help them.

**I. Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan – Chairman Arroyo**

No Report

**J. Local 2396 Report**

No Report

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Emergency Services Task Force Meeting – Commissioner Hemping**  
Postponed until October's BOFC Meeting.

**B. Board Chair Roles and Responsibilities Policy – Director Bishop**  
Postponed until October's BOFC Meeting.

**C. AIW – Strategic Plan Update – Director Martin**  
Postponed until October's BOFC Meeting.

**D. AIW – New Apparatus Finance/ Purchase Authorization – Director Bishop**  
Postponed until October's BOFC Meeting.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. AIW – Public Programs Fund Transfer Request to the Foundation – Director Bishop**  
*Commissioner Cottiers moved to support staff's recommendation and authorize the transfer of the Public Program funds to the foundation. Commissioner Stedman seconded. Motion passed 6-0.*

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**B. AIW – ULP Settlement Authorization – Chief Schuldt**

Chief Schuldt reported that mediation with the Union on the ULP settlement was successful and requested the Board release funds totaling \$1,420,000 from Reserves. *Commissioner Cottiers made a motion to approve.*

Commissioner Gerrity asked if it was determined if the funds are pensionable or not.

Director Bishop stated we are waiting on obtaining written confirmation relevant to the distributions retirement requirements. Discussion continued on why approve now with the uncertainty with FRS. Chief Schuldt requested approval to show the Union good faith and stated that GNFD's payout agreement is not to exceed 1.42 million total.

*Commissioner Cottiers amended his motion to approve staff's recommendation to release \$1,420,000 from Reserves pending FRS/Pension contribution letter. Commissioner Gerrity seconded. Motion passed 5-0.*

**C. AIW – 2017 Local Delegation Bill Proposal – Commissioner Henning**

Commissioner Henning recommended GNFD submit a Local Bill during the 2018 Legislative Session to revise the commissioner seat designations to all at-large and codify the District boundaries into one enabling act. *Commissioner Cottiers made a motion to proceed with Bill drafting for the 2018 Legislative Session to include at-large commissioner seat and a codified enabling act to include all boundaries. Additionally, to engage the law firm of Manson, Bolves, Donaldson and Varn in the amount of \$15,000. Seconded by Commissioner Stedman. Motion Passed 4-1. (Gerrity)*

**D. Alternative Funding – Commissioner Gerrity**

Postponed until October's BOFC meeting.

**E. Ratification of Resolution 2017-11 State of Emergency Hurricane Irma – Dir. Bishop**

*Commissioner Gerrity moved to ratify Resolution 2017-11 State of Emergency Hurricane Irma. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 5-0.*

**F. Topics Initiated by the Board of Fire Commissioners**

None

**G. Public Comments**

None

**IV. SIGNATURE OF BOARD APPROVED ITEMS**

1. BOFC Regular Meeting Minutes - August 8, 2017
2. Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes - August 8, 2017

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm. Commissioner Cottiers seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.*

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Duly passed with a vote of 8 to 0 and adopted in session on the 13th day of September.

  
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**Chairman Jeff Page**

  
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**Commissioner Charles Cottiers**

  
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**Commissioner Kevin Gerrity**

  
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**Commissioner Tom Henning**

  
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**Commissioner Rob Boyer**

  
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**Commissioner Brian Cross**

  
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**Commissioner Steve Hemping**

  
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**Commissioner David Stedman**