



**MINUTES**  
**GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**December 11, 2018**

**I. MEETING OPENED**

Commissioner Stedman called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners meeting at 5:30pm., on December 11, 2018 at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Commissioners Page, Cottiers, Gerrity, Henning and Stedman. Executive Staff in attendance: Fire Chief Kingman Schuldt, Deputy Chiefs Hanson, Low, Martin, and McLaughlin and Director Bishop. Staff in attendance: Suanne Woeste and Nicole Chesser. Public in attendance: Caleb Morris, Shar Beddow, John Bigica, Mike Cruz, Joey Brown, Trenton Mading, Chris Tobin, Forest Campbell, John Luppy, Sal D'Angelo, George Danz, and Jean Kungle. Others were in attendance but did not sign in.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

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

**B. Swearing in of the Board Commissioners**

The Honorable Judge McGarity arrived at 5:38pm and proceeded to swear in Commissioners Charlie Cottiers, Kevin Gerrity, and David Stedman.

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

Chief Schuldt reported there were a total of 5 firefighter fatalities for the month of November, bringing the total for 2018 to 80, followed by a moment of silence.

**D. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**

Director Bishop requested moving III. New Business A. Election of Board Member Positions to E.1. Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**E. Approval of the GNFD Board Minutes for November 13, 2018**

Commissioner Cottiers moved to accept the November 13, 2018 minutes as presented. Commissioner Gerrity seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**E.1. AIW – Election of Board Member Positions – Director Bishop**

- Commissioner Page moved to nominate Commissioner Henning to the office of Chairman. Commissioner Stedman seconded the nomination. Commissioner Gerrity nominated Commissioner Stedman to office of Chairman (no second). Commissioner Page's Motion Passed 5-0. Commissioner Henning accepted and took over as Chairman to continue the meeting.
- Commissioner Page moved to nominate Commissioner Gerrity to the office of Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Stedman seconded. Commissioner Gerrity declined. Commissioner Stedman nominated Commissioner Cottiers to the office of Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Henning seconded the nomination. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Cottiers accepted.
- Commissioner Cottiers moved to nominate Commissioner Stedman to Secretary. Commissioner Stedman accepted. Commissioner Gerrity seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- Commissioner Henning moved to nominate Commissioner Page to Treasurer. Commissioner Cottiers seconded the nomination. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Page accepted.



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**F. Consent Agenda**

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

**1. Treasurer's Report**

**G. Awards and Recognition**

Chief Schuldt recognized the following employees:

- Fleet Supervisor John Luppy – 1 Year Service Award
- Captain Shar Beddow – 5 Year Service Award
- Battalion Chief Caleb Morris – 20 Year Service Award

Also, congratulated but not in attendance:

- Lieutenant Efrain Padilla – 20 Year Service Award

**H. Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Schuldt presented report as submitted and added the following:

- At the December 10, 2018 Ochopee Fire Advisory meeting, the committee announced Station 61 will be dedicated to Deputy Chief Alan McLaughlin. Alan was instrumental in establishing the station for Port of Isles. An Open House is tentatively scheduled for March – will pass on more details when available.
- The District has received the 1<sup>st</sup> ad valorem payment of almost 12 million.
- As part of the Management Agreement with Collier County there is an annual fee of \$565,000, due in the first quarter; that payment has been received.
- The annual toy drive has signed up 1,070 children to receive toys this year. Toy give away will be next Wednesday and Thursday 4:30pm – 8:00pm.
- GNFD's call load continues to increase with the growth in the District. Totals have already surpassed last years by a couple thousand and we still have a month to go.
- Staff presented to the Local Delegation on November 30. Bills and sponsors have been secured in both the House and Senate for MM63 funding. Committee meetings are expected to begin within the next 30 days.

**I. Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan**

No Report Presented

**6:00 pm - Chairman Henning announced scheduled time specific Attorney/Client Session.**

Chairman Henning read the following statement: This session will be closed to the public pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes. At the conclusion of the closed-door attorney client session, I will reopen the public meeting and announce the termination of the private session. The public meeting will now be recessed and the Board, Executive Officers and District Counsel will now meet in the Command Post for closed door session.

**7:06 pm – Chairman Henning stated the public meeting is reopened and the closed-door attorney-client session is terminated**

**J. Local 2396 Report**

President Mading stated negotiations continue with staff and attorney on the 12 Articles remaining, most of which are financial.



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**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Emergency Services Task Force**

Commissioner Gerrity stated GNFD & NCFD's staffs are working together on report for December 20<sup>th</sup> ESTF meeting - then go to Board for guidance if ready to move forward.

**B. Closed Doors Attorney / Client Session – Reference Litigation**

See above

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. AIW – Election of Board Member Positions – Director Bishop**

Moved to Item E. 1.

**B. AIW – 2019 Regular BOFC Meeting Dates – Director Bishop**

*Commissioner Cottiers moved to approve the 2019 Regular BOFC Meeting Dates as presented. Commissioner Stedman seconded. Motion passed 5-0.*

**C. AIW- 2018 FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety Grant – Deputy Chief Hanson**

*Commissioner Cottiers moved to support Staff's recommendation and make a motion to submit an application for a FY2018 FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant application to enhance the District's ISO and Community Risk Reduction efforts. Commissioner Henning seconded. Motion passed 5-0.*

**D. AIW – Logistics Facility Needs Assessment**

Deputy Chief Martin presented report on the District's Logistics facility needs. *Commissioner Cottiers moved to approve staff's recommendation. Chairman Henning seconded for discussion.* Discussion among the Board included proposed property being deeded, use of impact fees and need for further expansion in the future. Gerrity – Need a strategic view of Fleet, Training and Logistics. Let's reach out to North Collier and see what their needs are and see if we can work together. *Commissioner Cottiers clarified motion for Staff to look at all options to include Fleet, Training and Logistics. Chairman Henning seconded. Motion passed 5-0.*

Director Bishop asked for clarification, pointing out that the current unit lease needs to be signed. Chief Schuldt stated negotiations have been going on for months and the lessor is finally coming back to the table. Staff needs direction from the Board to allow negotiations to continue. Current lease has grace period until February 1, 2019. *Commissioner Gerrity made a motion to allow Chief Schuldt to negotiation the lease and bring back to the Board. Commissioner Stedman seconded. Motion passed 5-0.*

**E. Public Comment**

Chris Tobin, Battalion Chief asked the Board what the recommendation was going to be after the closed-door session.

**F. Comments by Commissioners**

Commissioner Page asked the Chairman if the Commissioners could put a fund together to have water and soda at the BOFC meetings. Chairman Henning and other Commissioner



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stated they have no opposition to it. Commissioner Page will work with Chief Schuldt on organizing.

Commissioner Cottiers asked if there is an answer to Mr. Tobin's question. Attorney Rey Velazquez stated the District is not required to make any comment after a closed door session.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

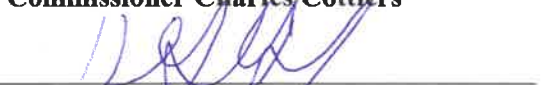
*Meeting Adjourned 7:26pm.*

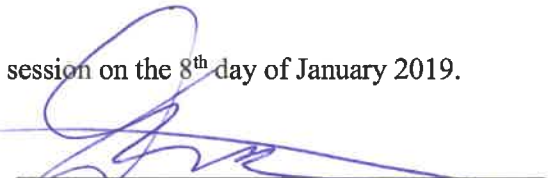
\*\* Executive session regarding Collective Bargaining to be held immediately meeting close.

Duly passed with a vote of 5 to 0 and adopted in session on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.

  
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**Chairman Tom Henning**

  
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**Commissioner Kevin Gerrity**

  
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**Commissioner David Stedman**

  
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**Commissioner Jeff Page**