



MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 4, 2020

I. MEETING OPENED

Chairman Page called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners meeting at 5:30pm, on August 4, 2020 via teleconference on Zoom.us. Present on line were Commissioners Page, Cottiers, Henning, Stedman and Gerrity. Executive Staff on line: Fire Chief Schuldt, Director Bishop, Assistant Chiefs Hanson, Low, and Martin. Staff on line: Suanne Woeste and Kevin Nelmes. Public on line: George Danz, Randy Ward, Tom Purcell, Rick LoCastro, Chris Tobin, and Eric Dilyard. Other were on line but not recognized.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were skipped.
Commissioner Page did a roll call of the Commissioners in attendance.

B. Line of Duty Deaths Reading and Moment of Silence

Chief Schuldt reported there were a total 3 of firefighter fatalities for the month of July, bringing the total for 2020 to 44. Chief Schuldt made a special mention of City of Naples firefighter Anthony Christensen who lost his life as a result of Covid-19.

C. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

1. Treasurer's Report

D. Approval, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

E. Approval of the GNFD Board Minutes for July 14, 2020

Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve the July GNFD Board minutes as presented. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

F. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Schuldt presented report as submitted and added the following:

- Staff will be submitting for the CARES grant to recover expenses associated with the Covid-19 pandemic. The District has spent approximately \$107,000 since March 2020 in response to Covid-19.
- The District was awarded the Assistance to Firefighter Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$18,000 for costs directly related to Covid-19. The District will be able to amend its request to include costs to date and certain projected costs.
- Staff has been working on increasing the District's PPE stock. Stockpiles of certain items have been significantly increased.
- Staff has been busy vetting numerous locations for future development of training, fleet, and logistical needs. Staff has identified a potential opportunity to partner with Collier County. There is on-going dialogue regarding the current Collier County Fleet complex and a regional warehouse complex currently under development, to be constructed in conjunction with the sports complex.
- Previously approved by the Board was the purchase of an additional boat out of impact fees. The contract the District was going to piggyback has expired, therefore



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an invitation to bid has been posted. The committees' new recommendation is to purchase 2 smaller shallow water vehicles. The purchase of the 2 will come in under the \$65,000 budget.

G. Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan

Director Bishop stated newly appointed Trustee Randy Ward was sworn in this morning. His first meeting will be August 13, 2020 @ 9:00am; the meeting will be held via zoom.

H. Local 2396 Report

Chief Schuldt stated the Union is having a meeting tonight and it will be their first vote on the tentatively agreed upon Labor Agreement.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. AIW – Revised FY 20-21 Budget Meeting Schedule

Director Bishop present the revised FY 20-21 Budget Meeting Schedule.

Commissioner Cottiers made a motion to add to the Commissioners' calendar: the First Public Hearing date of Wednesday September 9th @5:05pm (prior to the regular BOFC meeting) and the Final Public Hearing date of Monday, September 21st @ 5:05pm. Commissioner Gerrity seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. AIW- Audit Engagement Letter

Commissioner Gerrity moved to accept staff's recommendation and moved to authorize the Audit Engagement letter from Grau and Associates. Commissioner Stedman seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

B. AIW – Preferred Tips Grant

Commissioner Cottiers moved to confirm and support the District submitting the Preferred Tips Grant, is in the best interest of the District and accept the \$5,000 grant award. Commissioner Henning seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

C. AIW –AAA & CARES Grant

Commissioner Gerrity moved to confirm and support the submitting of the AAA Florida Safety Program grant and the CARES grant. Commissioner Stedman seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

D. AIW – HEROS Grant Application

Commissioner Stedman moved to proceed with accepting the pharmaceutical resources offered through the HEROS Program. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Public Comments on items not listed on Agenda

George Danz asked how old the City of Naples Firefighter who died as results of Covid-19 was. Chief Schuldt responded 55.

F. Comments by Commissioners

- Commissioner Stedman thanked staff for a nice job done on the budget and for being proactive applying for grants.




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- Commissioners Cottiers & Stedman offered condolences for the loss of City of Naples FF Anthony Christensen.
- Commissioner Gerrity stated the Covid-19 related deaths of the Naples FF and Houston FF, need to remind our firefighters to remain safe.
- Commissioner Henning thanked staff for a well done budget and wished all to stay safe.
- Chairman Page stated staff has made tremendous progress identifying potential opportunities for District development of training, fleet and logistical needs.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stedman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned 6:20pm.

Duly passed with a vote of 5 to 0 and adopted in session on the 9th day September 2020.



Chairman Jeff Page

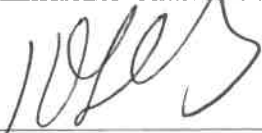


Commissioner Tom Henning



Commissioner Charles Cottiers

Commissioner David Stedman



Commissioner Kevin Gerrity

Approved verbally during BOFC meeting held on Zoom.